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Our history is one of the key things that makes Maryland unique. Follow in the footsteps of heroes like Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, whose stories of bravery and sacrifice make Maryland the most powerful Underground Railroad storytelling destination in the world.

Plan a visit to Antietam National Battlefield, the site of one of the most dramatic battles of the Civil War. Tour Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, known for its pivotal role in the War of 1812. Check out our vibrant arts and folk traditions, like the famous painted screens in Baltimore's rowhouse windows or the exquisite craftsmanship of hand-carved decoys on display at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury. Experience our many special events and festivals, like the yearly AFRAM Festival in Baltimore with its traditional and contemporary African-American sounds, or DelFest in Cumberland, which brings together the best bluegrass bands around. And in 2020, we are proud to be the home of the National Folk Festival in Salisbury.

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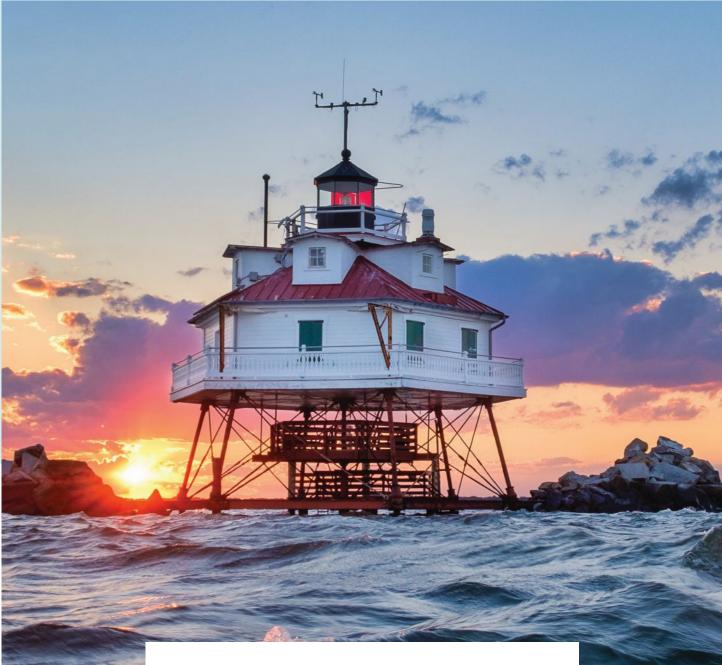




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#### ▲ BALTIMORE

Spend a day in Baltimore and you'll understand how its beautiful waterfront views, people and experiences earned it the name "Charm City." Get in touch with your inner Jacques Cousteau at the National Aquarium. Open your mind with out-of-this-world art at the American Visionary Arts Museum. Experience art, history and culture at the Reginald

F. Lewis Museum of African American History & Culture. Get pampered at the Four Seasons. In Baltimore, charm abounds and adventures await. Learn more on page 80.

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#### ▲YEAR OF THE WOMAN

In 1920, women were granted the right to vote. As we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Maryland celebrates the women who shape its tourism industry. Whether they are the captain of Maryland's oldest operating ferry, executive director of one of the state's top museums or brewing an Irish tradition, women are making their mark in Maryland. Meet some of them here. Learn more on page 26.

#### ▼ASSATEAGUE

As if camping under the stars on the beach with the sound of the waves lulling you to sleep wasn't ideal enough, add the chance to see wild horses in their natural habitat and you have a truly unforgettable camping trip. Assateague Island State Park and National Seashore is Maryland's only oceanfront park, and it is nothing short of spectacular. Learn more on page 102.







#### ▼GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY LOOP

A natural wonder, the Chesapeake Bay is more than part of Maryland's topography; it's part of its soul. For generations the people, towns and creatures of the Bay have shaped Maryland, and now all of its beauty can be easily explored through the Great Chesapeake Bay Loop. This collection of scenic byways and waterways will lead you through the most charming, unique and welcoming places. Take your time and enjoy the sights and sounds of the largest estuary in North America and one of Maryland's greatest treasures. Learn more on page 16.



#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

In Maryland, your next great outdoor escape is just around the corner. From family fishing in one of our many lakes and streams, to hiking and biking trails, to extreme thrills in our Class V rapids or rides on Class I-III rivers, if you can do it outside, you can do it here in Maryland. For a small state, we are big on nature. With Maryland's diverse geography that includes mountains, beaches, bays, streams and plenty of green space, you can choose your terrain and your adventure. Learn more on page 38.



#### **SEAFOOD**

Maryland is filled with waterways, home to a beautiful stretch of the Atlantic and surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay. With all that H2O, it's no wonder that we know how to do awesome seafood. While we're famous for the best blue crab around, those tasty crustaceans are only the beginning. Maryland menus overflow with fresh oysters and fish of all kinds, including Snakehead. Tastier than it sounds, this invasive species is one of the newest culinary crazes. And if you're looking up for a culinary adventure, let your taste buds lead the way on the Maryland Crab & Oyster Trail. Learn more on page 46.

#### ANNAPOLIS

Known as the "Sailing Capital of the U.S." and home to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis's maritime heritage combined with its cosmopolitan flair create a destination unlike any other. Explore the sites via water or land with boat and walking tours. Don't miss the Annapolis Oyster Roast & Sock Burning. A tradition each March 21st since 1978, guests come out of hibernation to burn their old winter socks and ceremoniously welcome spring with live music, oysters, libations and a whole lot of barefoot fun! Learn more on page 86.







#### ▲ SUMMER OF MUSIC

Every year, musicians descend on Maryland for the "Summer of Music." It's your chance to treat your ears to the sounds of bluegrass at DelFest, sultry tunes at the Capital Jazzfest, or metal madness at Doorn Fest. Celebrate America's musical roots with fiddlers at the National Folk Festival in Salisbury and at concerts and festivals all summer long. Every summer in Maryland means music. Learn more on page 31.

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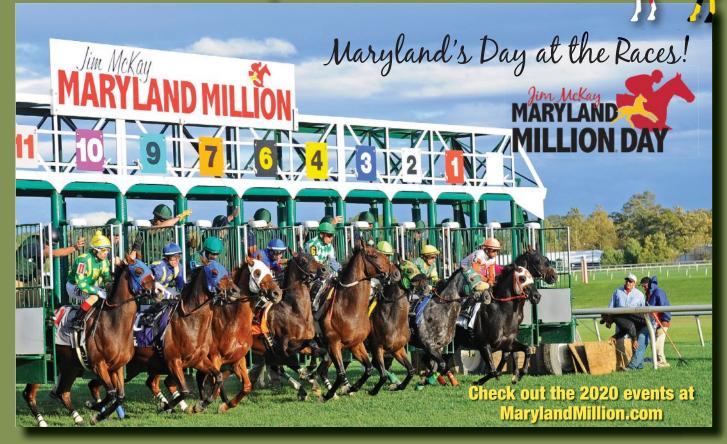
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### GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY LOOP

One beautiful body of water framed by two shores, each dotted with charming towns and natural wonder waiting to be explored.

BY RONA KOBELL

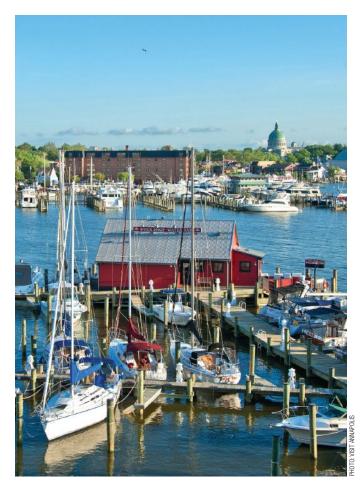
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he Chesapeake Bay is one of North America's greatest treasures. Stretching 200 miles from the Atlantic Ocean to the Susquehanna in the North, this breathtaking expanse has so much to offer that it's hard to know where to begin. But, it might be best to start near one of its most famous landmarks, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

#### **EASTERN SHORE**

Annapolis is just a few minutes by car to the nearly five-mile feat of engineering wonder. It is the perfect place to start your adventure. While you are in town, make sure to grab a coffee at 49 West and drink it outside; it's great people watching. Take a tour of the historic State Capitol, stroll through the brick-paved streets lined with shops and watch the sailboats on the Severn. And, don't be surprised if you run into a few U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen in uniform. As you head out of Annapolis, consider a stop at Sandy Point State Park for idyllic views of the Eastern Shore and Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Across the bridge, Kent Narrows is full of waterfront restaurants, and the burgeoning community is home to the Cross Island Trail, a great place to bike along the water and through the tidal marshes.





🙆 Pictured Top to Bottom: View of Annapolis from Eastport; Crab feast, Chesapeake Bay Shore

GEMS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY



🙆 Pictured Left to Right: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St Michaels; Crab and clam bake, Crisfield

Easton and Cambridge are the biggest towns in the mid-shore. Easton offers live music at the Avalon Theater, the Academy Art Museum, beautiful blooming flowers in spring and great local shops and galleries. The Tidewater Inn is at the heart of it all, with each room featuring photography that celebrates the Chesapeake Bay. Cambridge boasts several museums, including the Richardson Maritime Museum and the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center. To learn more about her legacy, just travel about 20 minutes to Church Creek to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center.

In addition to some charming bed and breakfasts, visitors to Cambridge often enjoy a stay at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina, which offers boat rentals and paddling, the spectacular River Marsh Golf Club with its famous Chesapeake vistas and a "kid's club" for the younger members of the group.

If you like birds, Wye Island is a great place to stroll, try your hand at crabbing and watch the skies. Pickering Creek Audubon Center offers guided activities and an extensive network of trails. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is a birding hub and great in the late winter for observing tundra swans and Canada geese.

Continuing along Route 50, you'll want to make stops at two celebrated waterfront towns. St. Michaels is home to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and one of the most charming downtowns you'll find. From there, you can hop on the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry and cross the Tred Avon River to Oxford. A small town, with a population of less than 1,000, Oxford is big on charm, offering a tour of picket fences painted by local artists. But don't stop there, Tilghman island awaits. This watermen's community offers delicious seafood and amazing views of the Chesapeake and its tributaries. The Phillips Wharf Environmental Center is a great place to get up close and personal with bay creatures, including horseshoe crabs and turtles. Down the street, don't miss lunch at The Characters Bridge restaurant. If the soft shell crab sandwich is on the menu, get it.

From Tilghman, head east toward Salisbury. Instead of continuing on the highway, take a detour onto Business 50 to 349 and wind through to the scenic town of Whitehaven (population: 43). Spend the night in the beautifully restored Whitehaven Hotel, or just pop in for an afternoon stroll and a ferry ride across the Wicomico on the three-car ferry. It's free, and it runs year-round.

After crossing the river, you'll be in Somerset County and a short drive from Crisfield, the crab capital of the world. Crisfield comes by the boast honestly; after all, it was built on oyster shells. Go for a quick swim at the beach at Jane's Island State Park or let the little ones have some fun at Park's recreation area while you wait for the ferry to Smith Island, one of the Chesapeake's inhabited offshore islands. You can go for an afternoon and get the ferry back at 3:30pm, or stay overnight at the Smith



Folks on the Shore know how to party all year round. Here are four Chesapeake festivals that you won't want to miss:

The **National Folk Festival** taking place in September 2020 in Salisbury is America's largest and longest-running festival celebrating arts, culture, music and more. This free event brings together more than 350 artisans to showcase their cultural traditions in the form of dance, food, storytelling and performance, to name a few. Bring the family and celebrate the roots of America.

Don't miss Easton's **Waterfowl Festival** in November. Art, conservation and culture come together at this event celebrating the heritage of the Eastern Shore's famous fliers and the men and women who hunt them, carve them, paint them and consume them. The festival fans out over the picturesque town. Book a room early and don't miss the fun.

For nearly 55 years, the Rotary Club of Lexington Park has hosted the **U.S. Oyster Festival** in St. Mary's. Bring the whole family for oyster shucking and cook-off competitions. The competition is serious—a former National Oyster Shucking Champion is now moving on to compete in the Galway, Ireland International Competition. Cheer on this year's contestants and enjoy a weekend of live music, craft beer and fun. It's all for a good cause, as a portion of the proceeds go to area non-profits and academic scholarships.

Say goodbye to winter and hello to spring at the **Annapolis Sock Burning and Oyster Festival**. This annual tradition happens each year on the spring equinox. Barefoot guests celebrate with live music, fresh oysters and cocktails. Don't miss your chance to welcome spring. Purchase tickets in advance, as they sell out every year! Island Inn and enjoy a hearty morning breakfast before a church service (all are welcome) or a bird tour of the nearby pelican rookery. Local resident Tim Marshall also takes visitors on tours to hunt for artifacts and arrowheads. He has a small museum with a large collection of his own.

Or, head from Whitehaven straight to Deal Island, which boasts some of the most beautiful views on the Shore and a wildlife management area that is home to a large number of swans and herons.

#### SOUTHERN MARYLAND

From Annapolis, instead of heading east to the beach, you can head south to...the beach. Just under half an hour from Annapolis in Calvert County, North Beach has beautiful beaches to stroll and Chesapeake Beach is the charter fishing capital of Maryland. Further down, Solomons Island is a lovely spot for an afternoon; watch the sailboats in the Patuxent River or take a cruise of your own as part of the tour that leaves the Calvert Marine Museum. The museum will walk you through all the amazing finds in the cliffs and sands in this paleontology center, and you can check out Calvert Cliffs State Park for your own fossil and shark teeth hunting expedition. Head

to Courtney's in Ridge for authentic seafood, then cruise into Point Lookout State Park for excellent fishing, hiking, swimming and civil war history.

#### EXPERIENCE A DIFFERENT SIDE OF BAY CULTURE ON THE WESTERN SHORE

Start in Fells Point. Once the epicenter of Baltimore's maritime culture, it is now the perfect place to stroll down cobblestone, waterfront streets as you browse eclectic shops and restaurants. Make a weekend of it and stay at the Sagamore Pendry, recognized as a top boutique hotel.

From there, head north on Interstate 95 for a Bay experience all its own. As you enter the town of Havre de Grace, you'll be charmed by Rochamebeau Plaza with its unique shops and restaurants. Don't miss Bomboys Candy where you can indulge your sweet tooth. For a view you won't soon forget, take time to stroll



**Distured Clockwise:** Fells Point, Baltimore; Kayaking at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center; *Maryland Dove*, St. Mary's City

along the Havre De Grace promenade which spans the Concord Point Lighthouse to the City Marina.

Make your next stop North East. Located at the head of the Bay, this town boasts a quintessential Main Street and is home to scenic hiking trails along the beaches, marshlands and wooded bluffs at Elk Neck State Park.

Continue heading northeast to Chesapeake City. This quaint town, population of just under 700, is located on a working canal. Learn more about the canal at the local museum, and enjoy a cone at the Canal Creamery and Sweet Shoppe before hitting U.S. 213 and the northern Shore.

Centreville and Chestertown make wonderful weekend getaways. Chestertown, home to Washington College, hosts festivals throughout the year centered around its maritime history including its annual Wenches and Pirates Fantasy Weekend. Grab a room at the White Swan Tavern and spend a weekend strolling the streets in a town where parts have remained unchanged for centuries. End your day with an unforgettable sunset at Tolchester Marina.  $\diamondsuit$ 

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### **Historic National Road**

"The Road that Built the Nation" is a vibrant thouroughfare that makes for a great vacation.

BY CHARLIE VASCELLARO

Following a trail forged during the formative years of the country and early forays into the new frontier, the Historic National Road carved a panoramic passageway west for the country's settlers and still makes for a nostalgic road trip across the state of Maryland, stretching 170 miles from the bustling streets of Baltimore to Maryland's scenic Northern border.

Running a complete distance of more than 800 miles from Maryland to Illinois, the Historic National Road is believed to be the nation's oldest road connecting the Potomac and Ohio rivers and is often referred to as "The Road That Built the Nation." Cutting a swath through the multifaceted landscape featuring historic milepost locations and contemporary cultural destinations, current travelers on the Historic National Road can create customized road trips by stopping at specific points of interest along the way.

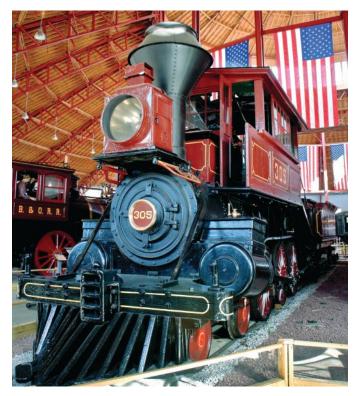
#### **BALTIMORE TO FREDERICK**

Via MD 144 & MD 27

For its founding of the nation and other significant historic connections, Baltimore has often been referred to as a "City of Firsts." The B&O Railroad Museum and its iconic roundhouse make for a great first stop along the Historic National Road. Historic National Road Scenic Byway

Founded in 1828, the B&O line was the country's first railroad for commercial transportation of passengers and freight. The Historic National Road connected Maryland and the East Coast with the Western Frontier.

The B&O Museum houses one of the most complete collections of railroad artifacts and memorabilia in the world, including a remarkable array of 19thcentury vintage locomotives and rolling stock steam, electric and diesel engines, as well as passenger, freight and caboose cars. The museum also offers plenty of kid-friendly activities, including a carousel and a Happy Train carnival ride.



**O** Pictured Left to Right: Washington Monument State Park, Middletown; B&O Railroad Museum, Baltimore; Buddy Lou's Eats, Drinks and Antiques, Hancock

Continuing west, Frederick Avenue becomes MD 144 and passes through the town of Catonsville, a thriving rural farming community for the first half of the 19th century before the Short Line railroad connected it to the city, converting the village into a commuter's suburb. Nowadays, Cantonsville—known as Music City—is a lively suburban college town.

Bordering the Patapsco River, in the historic mill town of Oella, you'll want to stop at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum and enjoy its peaceful, pastoral surroundings. Honoring the late 18th-century free African-American author, scientist, naturalist and land surveyor credited with mapping Washington, D.C.'s borders, the museum is a fascinating educational experience.

Bike the Trolley Line #9 from the Park to cross the Patapsco River to neighboring Ellicott City, which still feels like the late 18th-century mill town of its origins and is home to the country's first train station. Built in 1830, it was the first terminus of the original B&O Railroad line.

Ellicott City's sloping Main Street is lined on both sides by an array of unique artsy gift shops and galleries, restaurants, breweries and bars—all proud to be Ellicott City Strong, after surviving historic floods. The best way to enjoy is by walking up and down both sides of the street and taking time for side street excursions.

Nearby, the rolling hills of Mt. Airy provide the rustic setting for Maryland's wine country. Multiple vineyards stretch across the region, including the critically acclaimed Black Ankle Winery and tasting room.



#### **The Road that Fed the Nation** Regional Cuisine and Local Flavor Along the Historic National Road

Located in the heart of Old Ellicott City on historic Taylor's Row, the **Manor Hill Tavern** (*3733 Old Columbia Pike*) is an extension of the family-owned farm brewery known as **Manor Hill Brewery** (*4411 Manor Lane*). The tavern features a hearty and eclectic variety of pub grub and beer pairings with a mid-19th century aesthetic.

It's a long home run down the left field line from the Frederick Keys' Harry Grove Stadium to the **Black Hog BBQ** (*118 South Market Street*) in Downtown Frederick, conveniently located off exit 54 from I-70. Black Hog BBQ offers a variety of barbecue styles and succulent smoked meat selections, including Carolina Chopped Pork and Arkansas Brisket.

Just a few rail cars distance from the B&O Railroad Museum, **Ebenezer Ethiopian Restaurant** (647 West *Pratt Street*) will transport your tastebuds across the globe with authenic dishes in a very relaxed setting.

With a sleek and chic urban décor, **28 South** in Hagerstown (*28 South Potomac Street*) is a contemporary American restaurant located in a former hardware store and warehouse that offers fresh, madeto-order artisan pizzas, sandwiches and gourmet burgers—all made from locally sourced ingredients. The spacious bar serves an extensive selection of craft beer, wine and specialty drinks.

On the brick pedestrian town center in historic Downtown Cumberland, **City Lights American Grill** & **Bar** (59 Baltimore Street) is located a block away from Canal Place, the C&O Canal National Historic Park and the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. City Lights' menu features fresh seafood, hand-cut steaks, pasta, chicken and homemade cheesecakes and pies for dessert. The outdoor dining area is a lively and popular gathering place for locals and visitors.

With a name like **Buddy Lou's Eats, Drinks and Antiques** (*11 East Main Street*) you know that you've found a one-of-a-kind spot. Located in charming Hancock, right on the Western Maryland Rail Trail and C&O Canal, this tried-and-true quirky café offers up a true Maryland Crabcake among other favorites, including mac and cheese and a pork belly sandwich. Don't forget to pick up a souvenir in the basement antiques store where you'll also find soft-serve ice cream.



#### FREDERICK TO HAGERSTOWN

Via MD 144 & U.S. 40 Alt

At the intersection of history and happening, Frederick has evolved into a sophisticated arts and culinary destination with a burgeoning craft beer and distillery scene. As a long-standing minor league baseball affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, the Frederick Keys are named for the city's favorite son and "The Star-Spangled Banner" author Francis Scott Key. The team's home games are hosted at Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium.

Just a mile from the stadium, you'll find the Weinberg Center for the Arts." The Jewel of Frederick" is a 1926 silent movie palace that has been restored, rennovated and expanded and today is home to more than 150 events annually. Continuing along Old National Pike/ U.S. 40 Alt W and passing through Braddock Heights and the agricultural village of Middletown, the Washington Monument State Park is the perfect opportunity for a hiking excursion on the Appalachian Trail and also contains the first monument erected in General President Washington's honor. Bird watchers and ornithologists will appreciate that the park is along a migratory bird fly away.

Another seven miles down the road, the town of Boonsboro is home to Nora Roberts and her husband, photographer Bruce Wilder. Spend the day in this charming town browsing local shops, including Turn The Page bookstore and stay the night at the historic Inn Boonsboro, both owned by Nora and Bruce. Ease on down to Funkstown, known for being the site of a Civil War battle, which took place on July 10, 1863. The eclectic village, with a population of less than 1,000 residents, is now more popularly known as a shopping destination, with more than 30 businesses specializing in home décor, antiques, knitting supplies and doll repair.

#### HAGERSTOWN TO CUMBERLAND

Via U.S. 40, I-68, I-70 & MD 144

Connecting Washington, D.C. with Cumberland, the C&O Canal had its groundbreaking near Georgetown on July 4, 1828. After the B&O Railroad became the preferred means of carrying cargo, the canal was purchased by the Federal Government in 1938, and the entire stretch was established as a National Monument and converted into a National Historic Park in 1961.

The canal flows just a few miles from Hagerstown, and its towpath has become immensely popular as a hiking and biking destination.

Hagerstown's colorful South Prospect Street Historic District is an arts and cultural mecca, featuring the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and its scenic City Park surroundings, the Hagerstown Cultural Trail, a walkway lined with public art of assorted mediums and the Roundhouse Museum, which celebrates "Hub City's" rich railroad tradition.

Continuing along U.S. 40, the 210-foot Wilson Bridge, with its carved five-stone arches, was constructed in 1819 and is the longest bridge of its kind in Washington County; today it is popular fishing and picnic spot. If you are looking for another mini-excursion off the beaten path try Fort Frederick State Park, a restored 250-year-old fort originally constructed in 1756 during the French and Indian War, but also utilized as a prison for captured British soldiers during the American Revolution and as a station for Union troops guarding the C&O Canal during the Civil War. Watch military reenactments and living history programming there on select weekends.

Driving along Sideling Hill is like being on an amusement park ride. The dramatic pass through the Allegheny/Appalachian Mountains along Interstate 68 is near the town of Hancock, which is sandwiched between the Pennsylvania and West Virginia borders of Maryland. This is the narrowest part of the state (just 1.8 miles from the north and south lines). The Welcome Center includes a foot bridge overpass right where the road splits through the mountain, providing stunning views into several states at once.

The Rocky Gap Lodge Casino and Resort, a great getaway that's surrounded by the greenery of the tree-filled mountains and offers Maryland's only Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, serves as a multi-purpose entertainment destination/performing arts venue, and features a robust variety of luxurious spa treatments.

#### CUMBERLAND TO STATE LINE

Via U.S. 40 Scenic, I-68, U.S. 40 & U.S. 40 Alt

Take a break from the car and take a ride on one of the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad's choice of excursions embarking from Cumberland Station. Climbing more than 1,200 feet up from Cumberland to Frostburg and carving its way through the Allegheny Mountains, themed excursions include: murder mystery trains, caboose rentals, cab rides, "Hands on the Throttle" with an



engineer and seasonal excursions. Riding the rails also provides one of the best East Coast views of the fall foliage.

The 150-mile Creat Allegheny Passage Rail Trail connects with the 184.5-mile C&O Canal towpath at Cumberland, making for a 334.5-mile, long-distance biker's journey from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C.



**O Pictured clockwise:** War Correspondent's Arch, Gathland State Park, Burkittsville; The Great Allegheny Passage Rail Trail, Cumberland; Casselman River Bridge, Grantsville

The last of its kind, the La Vale Toll Gate House is the only remaining toll gate on the National Road in Maryland and serves as a window to the past that's open to visitors at all times, with original signage on display designating the costs of crossing for wagons, animals and pedestrians.

The first or last stop on the journey across the National Road, depending on your direction, the 80-foot stone arch Casselman River Bridge, was the largest of its kind at the time of its construction in 1813 and ultimately connected Cumberland with the Ohio River. Now. the bridge is part of Casselman River Bridge State Park, where you can give fly fishing a try. If you work up an appetite or need a rest, less than a mile down the road vou'll find the Casselman Historic Inn and Restaurant. Built in 1842. the Inn and its homemade country food will transport you back in time to the days when covered wagons and stage coaches traveled the road.

No matter where you start, in which direction you're traveling or whatever season, Maryland's stretch of the Historic National Road is a remarkable road trip waiting to happen.  $\diamondsuit$ 

### **Leading Women**

This year, we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of women winning the right to vote. Across Maryland we're celebrating the "Year of the Woman" because we know that now, more than ever, women are taking the lead.

BY RONA KOBELL

There's a good bet that a woman is helming a crew on your tourist boat, brewing your beer, commanding chefs in a world-class kitchen or outfitting your kayak for an excursion around the marshy expanses of the Chesapeake Bay. Here are a few of the extraordinary women you can find running the show in Maryland.



#### JUDY BIXLER

#### Captain and Owner of the Oxford Bellevue Ferry

From spring until fall (it opens on Oxford Day in April), Judy Bixler steers what is believed to be the oldest continuously operating ferry across the Tred Avon River from tiny Oxford to sleepy Bellevue. Judy has been captain of the ferry for 18 years. Oxford is a maritime town, and the ferry is a favorite with cyclists and children who love a chance to steer the boat's wooden wheel. She is also chair of the state's tourism advisory board.

#### RACHEL DEAN

Captain at Solomons Island Heritage Tours Mother, teacher, boat captain and business owner, there isn't much that Rachel Dean can't do. A Maryland native, Rachel and her husband, Captain Dale, run Solomons Island Heritage Tours and captain *The Roughwater*, a charter boat that is as much a fishing vessel as it is a window into a way of life. Passengers experience the rich traditions of the Chesapeake Bay as a waterman, learning how to harvest crabs, oysters and fish, and of course taste her treasures.





#### DEBBIE COSSELIN President of Watermark Tours

In 1972, Ed Hartman took the *Annapolitan* to the waters for its maiden sightseeing cruise. Years later, Ed's daughter Debbie Gosselin purchased the company from her Dad and today, Watermark Tours offers a portfolio of 40-minute cruises, private charters and water taxi services that are a staple of the Annapolis experience. Debbie's love for Annapolis and the beautiful Chesapeake Bay are second only to her desire to share them—cruise passengers enjoy beautiful scenery and get a sense of Annapolis culture and history on board.

#### JACKIE COPELAND Executive Director of the

#### Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture

Maryland is home to some of the most influential African Americans in history. The Reginald F. Lewis Museum celebrates that rich heritage through permanent and rotating exhibits as well as educational programs and events. In 2019, Jackie Copeland took on the role of executive director for this important institution. An accomplished art historian, she brings three decades of museum and education experience to the position. Jackie works to create an environment that is both a museum of culture and an approachable and engaging community space.





#### HOLLIE STEPHENSON

Head Brewer at Guinness Open Gate Brewery and Barrel House; Erin Lauer, Plant Manager at Guinness

Baltimore County is now home to the first beachhead of the famous Guinness Irish brewing company in the United States in nearly 70 years. So, when the company was deciding who would brew the taste of 259 years of Irish tradition, it didn't bring over a brewer from the Emerald Isle. Instead, Guinness tapped Hollie Stephenson, who was working as a brewmaster in Asheville, N.C. Erin Lauer manages the 63-acre site in Halethorpe and was a pivotal force in bringing the brewery to Baltimore.

### Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway Certified Host Businesses

Certified Host Businesses welcome visitors as they travel Maryland's Eastern Shore, sharing sites and stories of Harriet Tubman's homeland and the Underground Railroad.

To travel the Byway, please visit www.visitmaryland.org/scenic-byways/harriet-tubman-underground-railroad



#### Attractions

Adkins Arboretum Ridgely, 410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org

Blades Orchard Federalsburg, 410-829-0334 bladesorchard.com

Chesapeake Heritage Center Chester, 410-604-2100 visitqueenannes.com

Federalsburg Historical Society Federalsburg, 410-924-7573 federalsburghistoricalsociety.com

Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore Denton, 410-479-0009 fiberartscenter.com

Heart of the Chesapeake Heritage Area Cambridge, 410-228-1000 visitdorchester.org

John Wesley Preservation Society & Museum Oxford

johnwesleychurch.org

Pickering Creek Audubon Center Easton, 410-822-4903 pickeringcreek.audubon.org

Preston Historical Society Preston www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com

Richardson Maritime Museum Cambridge, 410-221-1871 www.richardsonmuseum.org

River Run Cruises Denton, 410-924-0303 riverruncruises@weebly.com

Rural Life Museum Denton, 410-479-2055 www.carolinehistory.org

Tubman Nature Center Goldsboro tubmannaturecenter.org

#### Food & Beverage

Beat the Rush Delivery Cambridge, 443-351-7870 www.beattherushdelivery.com

Bistro Poplar Cambridge, 410-228-4884 www.bistropoplar.com

Emily's Produce Cambridge, 443-521-0789 www.emilysproduce.com

Faulkner Branch Cidery Federalsburg, 410-829-0334 faulknerbranch.com

Harvest Ridge Winery Marydel, 302-343-9437 www.harvestridgewinery.com

Jimmie & Sook's Cambridge, 410-228-0008 *jimmieandsooks.com* 

Layton's Chance Vineyard and Winery Vienna, 410-228-1205 www.laytonschance.com

#### Lodging

Albanus Phillips Inn Cambridge, 410-228-2990 *albanusphillipsinn.com* 

Holiday Inn Express Cambridge Cambridge, 410-221-9900 www.hiexpress.com

Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 410-901-1234 www.hyatt.com

Madison Nature Getaway B&B Madison, 443-521-2201 www.madisonnaturegetaway.com

Turnbridge Point Denton, 443-448-4782 www.turnbridgepoint.com

#### Shopping

Bay Country Shop Cambridge, 410-221-0700 www.baycountryshop.com

Jan Baker's Fourth Street Gallery Denton, 443-786-8574 facebook.com/FourthStreetGallery

Main Street Gallery Cambridge, 410-330-4659 mainstgallery.org

Robin Hood Shop Cambridge, 410-228-6339 facebook.com/robinhoodshop2015

#### Services

Caroline County Chamber of Commerce Denton, 410-479-4638 www.carolinechamber.org

Caroline County Council of Arts Denton, 410-479-1009 *carolinearts.org* 

Caroline Office of Tourism Denton, 410-479-2730 visitcaroline.org

Harriet Tubman Tours Hurlock, 866-642-7743 www.harriettubmantours.com

Sawyer Charters and Tours Hoopers Island, 410-397-3743 dorchestercountytours.com

SOS Network Cambridge, 410-228-1238

For a Scenic Byways guide, call 1-800-863-2053 or go to www.VisitMaryland.org.







### The Most Powerful Underground Railroad Storytelling Destination in the World

Follow the path to freedom, see where the fight against enslavement happened and experience the places that shaped the life one of history's greatest heroes right here in Maryland.

#### ▲ BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The journey to freedom was filled with risk, as freedom seekers had to successfully navigate land and waterways, forage for food and evade capture. There's no better way for you to experience their powerful, life-changing story than on the Harriet Tubman Undergroud Railroad Byway. Follow the Byway Guide and vou'll discover the 28.000-acre Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Dorchester County has remained largely unchanged since the days of the Underground Railroad and provides an example of the terrain that many of Maryland's freedom seekers had to navigate. Several escapes occurred within the refuge boundaries and today, visitors can explore the waterways and wildlife on walking and paddling trails.

#### **CHOPTANK RIVER LIGHTHOUSE**

The Choptank River Lighthouse offers stunning views of historic Cambridge and is home to a museum celebrating the maritime heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore. The lighthouse is a replica of an earlier beacon that guided sailors up and down the Choptank River—an important path northward that was likely used many times by freedom seekers, including Harriet Tubman and her passengers on the Underground Railroad.

#### **HARRIET TUBMAN MURAL**

Located on the outside wall of the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center in Cambridge, local artist Michael Rosato's new mural depicts Harriet Tubman extending an encouraging hand to all those who pass by the museum. The powerful mural has already gained national attention on social media channels and is a must-see photo stop for visitors.



"I prayed to God to make me strong and able to fight, and that's what I've always prayed for ever since."

- Harriet Tubman, 1865



#### **<HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD VISITOR CENTER**

Near the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge sits the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center. The center is home to multimedia exhibits detailing Harriet Tubman's life, from childhood to her flight to freedom, and her epic feats of daring rescue. Inspiring exhibits include profound elements—like a list of people who Tubman freed, set upon plaques that read "We are free because of Harriet Tubman." A gift shop and library feature books about slavery, those who fought against and lived under it, and the fight for equality.

#### **<BUCKTOWN VILLAGE STORE**

Just 15 minutes east of the Visitor Center, the Bucktown Village Store is kept in its early-19th century condition. Tour the site of Harriet Tubman's first act of defiance then visit other places associated with Tubman, including Brodess Farm, the home of Harriet Tubman's enslaver and the place where she endured much of her nightmare before fleeing and becoming the "Moses of her People."

#### **VINCHESTER MILL**

At Linchester Mill in Preston, free and enslaved African Americans worked side by side and shared valuable information and resources to support freedom seekers. The mill sat amidst a secret network of safe houses, and many Quakers and free blacks who lived near the mill secretly helped fleeing enslaved persons pass through the area. Today, visitors can explore the grounds and walk through the Nature Braille Trail that winds behind the historic mill.







### **Embrace the Arts**

Maryland is home to so many cultural gems, from pieces of American history to wonders of contemporary art. Whether you're looking to traverse the state in search of music, art and theater or take a day trip to one spot to soak up all the local scene has to offer, there's something to inspire the artist in all of us. Want more? Visit the digitial inspiration guide at VisitMaryland.org/thingsto-do/arts-culture

BY CHRISTINE JACKSON

The arts thrive in Maryland—from folk to eclectic and contemporary art and artisans to world-class performers. The diversity of the state has allowed pieces of the past to remain while new artists and voices bring visitors into the future. There's so much to see, do, watch and hear across Maryland, but consider these stops as great places to start.

#### SEE...

#### Iconic artists at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

This free museum has offered Baltimore access to some of the world's greatest artists since 1929, and it has only gotten better with age. Gaze up at Spencer Finch's otherworldly light installation *Moon Dust* for a while before working your way through the iconic Cone Collection of Modern Art, which is home to the largest public collection of works by Henri Matisse in the world. The free museum has also recently expanded its collection by selling some works in order to acquire art created by female artists and artists of color.

#### Unexpected creations at the American Visionary Art Museum.

Hop on a water taxi or take a scenic drive around Baltimore's Inner Harbor to get to the mosaic-walled museum that's home to the nation's best collection of outsider art, created by self-taught masters who had little to no contact with the mainstream art world. Take in the hand-embroidered story quilts of Holocaust survivor Esther Krinitz in the main building, or wander across the courtyard to the Jim Rouse Visionary Center to see local treasures such as painted screens, kinetic sculptures and a towering tribute to drag queen Divine.

#### Art in a new way at Glenstone.

Get your tickets well in advance and plan to spend the day at this Potomac estate and museum created by Emily and Mitch Rales. Landscape, architecture and art blend together into an experience that feels worlds away from the average art museum. Take in a towering, flowering Jeff Koons sculpture on a hilltop, or head inside to experience one of the expertly curated contemporary exhibitions.

#### DO...

#### Embrace the past at Spruce Forest Artisan Village.

Folk traditions live on at this tiny village featuring studios for resident and visiting artists. Visit with skilled artisans of Spruce Forest in their own spaces, which happen to also be historic period buildings, and learn about oft-forgotten trades such as weaving, smithing and woodworking.

#### Walk the Hagerstown Cultural Trail & Frederick Public Arts Trail.

The half-mile Hagerstown Cultural Trail is dotted with art installations and experiences, connecting the downtown Arts & Entertainment District to City Park and the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Frederick also offers a Public Art Trail, which winds through the town's boutiques and cafés to show off soaring sculptures, eye-catching murals and monuments.

#### Take a class at Annmarie Sculpture Garden.

There are 30 acres to explore at this arts outpost in Dowell, but don't miss your chance to turn your visit into an interactive experience at one of the park's many art classes. Choose whatever calls to you, be it ceramics, jewelry or stained glass, and let the creative energy flow.



#### WATCH...

#### Classic and contemporary works come to the stage at Everyman Theatre.

It's a can't-miss season for Everyman Theatre in Downtown Baltimore. Everyman is shaking things up in 2020 with a brand-new upstairs theater space, a women-powered New Voices Festival, and a specially commissioned new play from Caleen Sinnette Jennings, *Queens Girl: Black in the Green Mountains*, in the spring.

#### Performances of all types at The Avalon in Easton.

This architectural gem is worth a visit to the Eastern Shore just to take in the art deco details, but check the calendar to see who or what is gracing its storied stage on any given day. Musicians, artists and actors delight audiences throughout the year, and the Avalon's Multicultural Festival and Outdoor Concert Series are annual community highlights.

#### HEAR...

#### Big names from the lawn at Merriweather Post Pavilion. Grab some friends and a picpic bla

Grab some friends and a picnic blanket and head to Columbia to join the crowds

at this sprawling outdoor venue. Seats are available, but the vibe on the grass is like a backyard party with hundreds of your closest friends. Country and rock dominate the lineup, but there's something for just about everyone throughout the year, whether you're into festivals, jam bands or smooth jazz.

#### A variety of musical acts at Strathmore.

This Bethesda performance mecca has so many spaces to choose from that you're bound to find something on the bill that's your style. International names bring in pop, rock, folk and jazz lovers, while the Maryland Classical Youth Orchestra and The National Philharmonic offer classical talent in spades. Looking for something a little more intimate? The Mansion brings musicians into a cozy, 100-seat space for concerts that feel like something truly special.

#### All that Maryland's musical community has to offer through the Summer of Music.

Festivals across the state offer chances to jam along with whatever genre gets you dancing, whether that's DelFest's bluegrass pickin' in Cumberland or the bass-heavy sounds of the Moonrise Festival at Pimlico. Take a look at the lineup and mark your calendar for the concerts that speak (or sing) to you.

There's plenty more to see, hear, do and watch wherever your travels take you. For ideas and inspiration check the events calendar on VisitMaryland.org or visit the Maryland State Arts Council's website at msac.org.  $\Leftrightarrow$ 





Pictured Clockwise: American Visionary Art Museum; the Frederick Public Art Trail; Annmarie Sculpture Garden

### **Uncommon Accommodations**

From lighthouses to treehouses, these Maryland digs are anything but standard.

BY ASHLEY STIMPSON



Unforgettable vacations start with memorable accommodations, and in Maryland, there's no shortage of unique places to unpack your bags. At these lodgings, adventure is included with your stay. From serene mountain retreats to blissfull bayside hideaways, your next trip to Maryland will be an experience apart from anything else.

#### THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING

Rugged Western Maryland is the perfect setting for a reset, and at Savage River Lodge relaxation and being at peace in nature come standard in every cabin and yurt. The on-site restaurant offers New American classics with options for everyone in your party (including treats such as "Mutt Loaf" for your pup!) as well as an extensive wine list. In the morning, the birds are your alarm clock and homemade muffins are delivered to your door in a tackle box. When you've had your fill of loafing around, enjoy the property's 14 miles of trails or hop on a shuttle for nearby activities like fly fishing or mountain biking.

You don't have to be a kid to feel a childlike sense of wonder at the Treehouse Camp at Maple Tree Campground, 30 minutes outside of Frederick. The 20-acre property's accommodations range from primitive tent sites to a fully-electric hobbit house (you read that right). Choose from eight tree cottages complete with wood stoves and private porches, or rough it in one of the camp's 10 charming-yetrustic treehouses. No matter where you choose to rest your head, plan on gooey s'mores and ghost stories around the fire at night—stop by the office for supplies and loaner board games. Book early though, as the treehouse camp is often filled to capacity in the summer.

#### No vacancy? No problem!

Planning on pedaling or walking through the mountains? Book one of the six lock houses available along the C&O Canal towpath. Each lock house has been furnished from a different time period and showcases the development of the canal and the people who tended it.

#### **BORDER STATE QUARTERS**

Is there a Civil War buff in your life? Treat them (or yourself) to a stay at Antietam Overlook Farm, nestled in the rolling hills of Washington County. The 19th-century country manor and inn is located less than five miles from the visitors center at Antietam National Battlefield, a site that marks the bloodiest one-day battle in American history. Return home from the battlefield to one of the farm's well-appointed and cozy rooms, many of which offer amenities such as a fireplace, screened-in porch or soaking tub. Breakfast is three courses of exquisite country cooking, tasty enough for the discerning palate and hardy enough for a soldier.

#### BARBARA FRITCHIE HOUSE

She's a Maryland legend. But whether or not a 95-year-old Barbara Fritchie actually taunted Confederate soldiers by waving a Union flag at them from the upstairs window of her Frederick cottage will likely always remain a mystery. Her notoriety, on the other hand, was made certain when the poet John Greenleaf Whittier memorialized her defiance in his infamous 1863 poem. So popular were the 30 stanzas that Winston Churchill is said to have recited them by heart when he visited Fritchie's home with Franklin D. Roosevelt 80 years later.

Today, Fritchie's home is open to overnight guests looking to relive Maryland history or simply enjoy charming downtown Frederick and its many shops and restaurants. Of course, no visit is complete before you channel Fritchie's patriotic spirit by leaning out of the second-story window to announce: "Shoot if you must, this old grey head, but spare your country's flag!"

#### No vacancy? No problem!

If history's your thing, check in to the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis. Once home to two Maryland governors, the hotel features a glass floor where guests can see the original foundation, dating back to 1695.

#### TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

For nearly 200 years, the Cove Point Lighthouse has guided vessels to the shipping channel of the Chesapeake Bay. Standing 45 feet above a rocky coastline with a beacon visible for 12 nautical miles, the lighthouse was automated in 1986, meaning the keepers' home-a handsome duplex adjacent to the tower-would be unmanned. If a simple tour (offered by the Calvert Marine Museum during the warmer months) won't do. visitors can rent one or both sides of the home and stay on the grounds of the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay. Each apartment has been renovated to include modern conveniences such as Wi-Fi and central air. but also boast notable historical momentos, such as photos from the museum archives, locally made furniture and cabinets and a table

made with materials from another nearby decommissioned lighthouse. And although you'll be staying on a historic site that's open to the public, your beach access while staying on the property is just for you.

If there are more passengers aboard your ship than one lighthouse can handle, consider docking at the Lighthouse Club Hotel in Ocean City. Modeled after the octagonal Thomas Point Shoal Light Station (the most recognizable lighthouse in Maryland), the hotel features 23 water-view suites (bay or wetlands) complete with fireplaces and feather beds. Afternoon cookies are a delightful tradition; so is watching the sunset from the hotel's wrap-around front porch. For a nightcap, don't miss the Lighthouse Clubhouse, an intimate spot for slowing down and catching up with friends. The Lighthouse Club Hotel is part of Fager's Island, a small collection of properties where guests can eat, sleep and dance—all without having to call an Uber.

#### No vacancy? No problem!

Want an even more hands-on experience? Gather a group of friends and book an overnight adventure through Historic Ships in Baltimore. Participants on the USCGC Taney adventure, for example, must work together to save the ship in a sinking simulation.  $\diamondsuit$ 





**O** Pictured Clockwise: Savage River Lodge; Treehouse Camp at Maple Tree Campground; Yurt interior at Savage River Lodge; Cove Point Lighthouse; Barbara Fritchie House





#### Wicomico County: Play Between the Beach and the Bay

Located just 30 minutes west of Ocean City, Wicomico County is a great place to play between the beach and the bay. More than 1,000 miles of waterways and 1,500 acres of parks and trails are open for exploration. Popular spots include the free Salisbury Zoo and the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, home to the world's largest decoy collection. During the spring and summer, check out a Delmarva Shorebirds minor league baseball game. Looking for a party? Check out our signature events, including the National Folk Festival, Good Beer Festival and Autumn Wine Festival.

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## Visit Harriet Tubman Country and Be Inspired

"Powerful. Stunning. Breathtaking." That's how visitors describe the Harriet Tubman Mural in Cambridge, a few miles from where the Underground Railroad hero was born. Part of the Chesapeake Mural Trail, the work of art is steps from restaurants, shops and galleries.

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Explore the great outdoors, discover hidden gems, experience a variety of cultural cuisines and take in the rich history that helped shape Maryland. Howard County—a family-friendly and inspiring destination within your reach. Conveniently located between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

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# Trail Mix

Summit mountains, kayak the bay and bike back to camp-Maryland's trail system is second to none.

BY ASHLEY STIMPSON

Opportunities for outdoor adventures in Maryland are as diverse as the landscape. From the great heights of Western Maryland to the lapping tides of the Eastern Shore, there's a trail for everyone in the Old Line State. Whether you're traveling by foot, bike or boat, taking in history or carving out a new path, you can bet on incredible scenery and indelible memories.

#### WALK IT OUT

After a short drive from fast-paced Baltimore, you'll find peaceful North Point State Park. With well-marked, well-maintained trails and teasing glimpses of the Chesapeake Bay, this park is ideal for an early morning stroll or your trail-running training regimen. Take the Black Marsh Trail to the ruins of the Ferry Grove Pier. Elsewhere in the park, you can cast a line or unfurl a blanket for a waterfront picnic. Go from sea level to soaring vistas with a trip to Backbone Mountain in Garrett County. At 3,360 feet, the mountain is the highest point in Maryland, though the trail technically begins in West Virginia. A challenging 2.5-mile round trip, this hike offers beautiful views and bragging rights. At the summit (also known as Hoye-Crest), be sure to sign the register and snap a triumphant selfie.

#### PEDAL POWER

For nearly a century, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal was one of the nation's most important commercial arteries, transporting coal and timber from the Allegheny Mountains to the industrial centers of Washington and Baltimore. Today, the C&O Canal towpath trail is a 184.5-mile avenue for adventure, providing joggers, hikers and bikers the chance to discover the fascinating history and enduring splendor of the Potomac River Valley. For a unique way to experience the towpath, bike its entirety and stay in one of the rustic, riverside campsites located about every five miles along the trail or stay in a former lock tender's house. Ready to push your limits? Consider connecting with the Great Allegheny Passage towpath that connects with the towpath in Cumberland and offers riders another 150 miles of trail en route to Pittsburgh, PA.

Those who prefer their bike rides "rough and tumble" will appreciate Patapsco Valley State Park's 32 miles of mountain biking trails. The rocky terrain and the undulating hills of Patapsco make for an exhilarating ride, and the 56-mile Tour de Patapsco (linking the Avalon and McKeldin Areas) is especially popular with Baltimore- and D.C.-area bikers. For a post-workout cool down, how about a dip in the park's namesake river?

#### ROW YOUR OWN BOAT

The massive Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge is a great paddling spot. Home to more than 500 tundra swans, beautiful Colonial buildings and a butterfly garden, it's a jewel on the banks of the Eastern Shore. Also on the shore, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge features nearly 25 miles of water trails, and with its central location on the Great Atlantic Flyway, it's home to some of the best paddle-powered birding in the overnight boating adventure, head to Janes Island State Park in Somerset County. There, you can rent a canoe or kayak and reserve your space on one of the backcountry camping platforms. These paddle-in sites each provide ample solitude and a killer view of the park's 2,900 acres of salt marsh. At night, you'll sleep under a canopy of stars. Camping not your thing? Book one of Janes Island's full-service cabins for a soft place to land after a hard day of paddling.



**Distured Left to Right:** Frederick County; Potomac River, Piscataway Park

world. Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary in Charles County offers a unique opportunity to paddle along an 18-square mile stretch of Potomac River coast that's home to archaeological artifacts dating back nearly 12,000 years, fascinating Civil War sites and the famous Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay, a collection of more than 100 abandoned steamships dating back to World War I.

Baltimore County's Hammerman Beach in Gunpowder State Park offers great swimming, kayaking and even sailing lessons on the park's fleet of Hobbie Cats. A favorite for locals looking to beat the summer heat, Hammerman also offers great bay fishing as well as short, well-marked hiking trails. And for an

#### TAKE THE TIME MACHINE

Relive the drama and the intrigue of the War of 1812 on the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, which encompasses almost all of Southern Maryland. A perfect place to start is Baltimore's Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, the site of a fierce British bombardment and the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's famous recitation. From there, follow the trail as it blooms in all directions-via land and water-on its way through preserved battlefields, historic towns and more museums and monuments than you can see on one march. Historic houses and salt-stained lighthouses are another frequent highlight of the trail.

At the Indian Village at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum in Calvert County, visitors can travel even further back in time. Built to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Captain John Smith's exploration of the Chesapeake, the village replicates the Native settlements Smith would have found lining the banks of the Patuxent River. Working in tandem with local high school students, the park has developed an audio tour to guide visitors through the wood huts, working gardens and racks for smoking fish and meat that characterize the culture of Piscataway Indians.

For the prehistory lover in your group, drive 10 miles south to Calvert Cliffs State Park to forage for fossils along the rocky shoreline. More than 600 species of fossils have been found in the area, including remnants of rhinos, whales and mastodons. Most visitors manage to snag a shark tooth or two.

Whether it's history, scenery or adventure you're after, Maryland's got it all. See you at the trailhead! �



## Tour Talbot County by Bike

Talbot County is a quintessential Eastern Shore destination. Quaint bayside towns and pristine shorelines make it popular with day-trippers and long-weekenders alike. Visitors can take in everything Talbot County has to offer on two wheels with its **six themed bike trails**. Choose between Chesapeake Views (self-explanatory), Joust Maryland (to learn more about the state's official sport) or alternative routes that lead you through farmland, small towns and cemeteries. Bicycle shops and bed and breakfasts will keep your journey safe and comfortable.

## **State Parks & Forests Amenities**

State Park = SP State Forest = SF Wildlife Sanctuary = WS Natural Environmental Area = NEA Natural Resources Management Area = NRMA	Acres	Mountain Biking	Bicycling-Hard-Packed	Boat Launch	Boat Rentals	Cabins	Camper Cabins	Campsites	Camp Store	Canoeing/Kayaking	Cross-Country Skiing	Dumping Station	Fishing	Food & Drink	Hiking/Walking	Historic Interest	Hookups	Horseback Riding	Hunting	Pet Loop	Picnicking	Picnic Shelters	Snowmobiling/ORV	Swimming	Visitor Center	
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Greenbrier SP	1,388	٠	٠	•	•			٠	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•		٠		•	٠	٠	٠		٠	•	-
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Rosaryville SP	1,039	٠	٠								•				٠	٠		٠	٠		٠	•				
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Above: Cunningham Falls State Park, Thurmont Below: Swallow Falls State Park, Oakland

Elk Neck State Park, North East

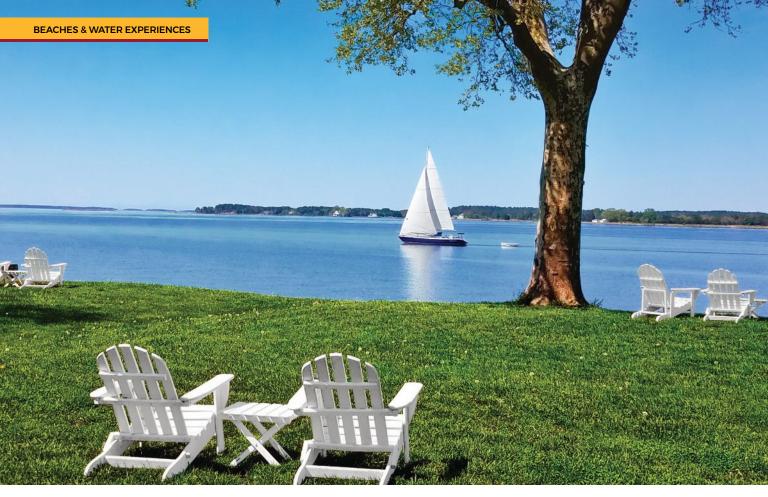
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	Gunpowder Falls SP/NCRT*	15,202	•	•	•	•	•				•			•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•		•	•	
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\*Torrey C. Brown/Northern Central Railroad Trail





Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis



## Water Wonderland–Maryland's Beaches, Bays, Boats and More

In Maryland, you're never far from an H2O adventure. We've got the Atlantic at one end, Deep Creek Lake and mountain rivers at the other, and the Chesapeake Bay, jewel of the Americas, in the middle. Read on for amazing ways to get out on the water including lots of favorites, and some that just might surprise you!

#### BY JIM MEYER

#### REACH THE OCEAN BEACH

Maryland may not be the biggest state, but between the ocean, Chesapeake Bay, Deep Creek Lake and our many amazing rivers, we've got nearly 8,000 miles of coastline to choose from. But if you're looking for that quintessential ocean beach experience, we've got you covered on both ends of the spectrum.

Pitch your tent for a long weekend at Assateague Island National Seashore, named the "#1 Best National Park Beach" by USA Today, for an unforgettable getaway. Relax under a star-filled sky caressed by the song of Atlantic waves and the rhythmic whispers of wild hoof beats on the unspoiled dunes. The famous wild horses of Assateague make this a truly magical destination, and the spectacular sunrises over the deep, blue sea make for a memory you'll cherish the rest of your life.

If you prefer that iconic American beach experience, you know the one, boardwalks and roller coasters, saltwater taffy and sand castles, then Ocean City is the place for you. One of the nation's "25 Best Family Beaches" according to TripAdvisor, "15 Best Family Beaches" according to US News & World Report and one of "The 9 Best Boardwalks in the US" by Condé Nast Traveler, it's the kind of place your family will return to year after year, generation after generation. Relax on the beach under blue skies brushed with every color of the rainbow by the famous sky display at the world renowned Kite Loft, but remember to take the occasional glance out to sea to spot passing whales and playful dolphins. Ride the gorgeous, 106-year-old merrygo-round and the towering Tidal Wave coaster at Trimper's Rides—at the end of the boardwalk since 1890. It's the oldest family-owned amusement park in the nation. Snack on summer musts like Fisher's famous caramel popcorn and Thrasher's perfect French fries (don't spare the vinegar and Old Bay!). And at night, there's world-class dining at hip restaurants such as Shark on the Harbor, first-rate brewpubs like Fin City and

Backshore, and unmatched clubs like Seacrets, where you can hit one of the dance floors or enjoy a fresh-squeezed Orange Crush at a table in the bay!

#### PLAY ON THE BAY

As amazing as Maryland's Atlantic beaches are, the Chesapeake shore shares just as much magic. Dotted with lighthouses, banked by lush forests and beautiful towns, there's no end of ways to spend a perfect day on the bay. You can relax on great public beaches like Sandy Point State Park at the western end of the Bay Bridge: Betterton Beach, a former steamboat resort on the upper Eastern Shore; Rocky Point Beach and Gunpowder Falls State Park. both just minutes from downtown Baltimore; and Calvert Cliffs State Park, which not only offers up a great, sandy beach, but some of the best fossil hunting anywhere. Go for the day on the bay and come home with a million-year-old shark's tooth souvenir! Of course, these are just the tip of the beach-berg.

swimming, fishing, paddling and boating. Lake Habeeb in Rocky Gap State Park is a rare double threat—you can get back to nature at the lakefront campground, or do it luxe style at Rocky Gap Casino with table games, a worldclass spa and fantastic lake vistas. If you want to see some spectacular scenery, make the hike to majestic Cunningham Falls State Park. But pack your swim suit, Hunting Creek Lake is a great swimming spot for the family and an easy drive from Washington, D.C.

#### WET AND WILD WATERPARK FUN

What's next? How about a lazy river or a looping waterslide? Six Flags America's Hurricane Harbor is home to a milliongallon wave pool, mellow Buccaneer Beach and the thrilling Bonzai Pipelines, a series of massive six-story super-speed waterslides. In Ocean City, Jolly Roger's Splash Mountain is one of the Travel Channel's "Top Five Water Parks in the Country," and it's no wonder, this place is a tidal wave of fun. Ride the terrifying 360-degree Aqua Loop or the Master



Pictured Left to Right: Sandaway Suites & Beach, Oxford; Deep Creek Lake; Charter fishing at The Narrows

#### GO JUMP IN A LAKE

You've hung ten in O.C. and taken the plunge in the Chesapeake—well, waterloving completists have a lot more to experience in Maryland. Deep Creek Lake in Garrett County is famous as a ski destination, but in the summer, things really heat up. With 69 miles of coastline to explore, it's great for Blaster water coaster, and even meet the beautiful Splash Mountain Mermaids lounging around the Kiddie Pirate Ship. Broher Park in Gaithersburg also has an awesome waterpark featuring a massive 250-foot-long double slide. Chesapeake Beach Waterpark, with its cozy cabanas, slides and giant lazy river, is great family fun in Southern Maryland, and Frontier Town Water Park and Mini-Golf, not far from Assateague Island State Park and National Seashore in Berlin, puts an Old West spin on a summer favorite with cactus fountains, tube slides and even a covered wagon wading pool.



#### FISH ON!

No place on Earth can top Maryland's fantastic range of fishing opportunities. In Ocean City and Assateague Island State Park and National Seashore, you can set up a beach chair and spend a pleasant evening surf casting for flounder, bluefish, stripers and drum. Hop on a head boat and drop a line over an inshore wreck. Or go all in on a fishing charter and head out to Baltimore Canyon where the ocean floor drops away to 1,500 feet and the big fish roam. There's a reason Ocean City is the "White Marlin Capital of the World" and home to the annual White Marlin Open, the largest and most prestigious billfishing tournament in the world where top anglers vie for more than \$5 million in prizes.

Rockfishing charters on the Chesapeake are a Maryland rite of passage. A good captain will put you on fish, and if you've never gone for rockfish (striped bass, if you're not from around here), get ready for a heck of a fun fight! Oh, and did we mention they are delicious? Rockfish ceviche is a true Maryland delicacy. A new thrill that is catching on here in the Old Line State is bowfishing. The Potomac is a great spot for bowfishing for invasive snakehead and flathead catfish-two large, plentiful and delicious fish-and bowfishing is one of the most thrilling ways to get out on the water. If you're not quite ready for that, find a nice pier or jetty and haul in some sunnies with the kids.

Further inland, fly fishing is a favorite. With so many swift, clean mountain rivers in Maryland, it's not a surprise you'll find fishing spots teeming with rainbow, cutthroat, brook, brown and golden trout. If you're new to fishing, cut your teeth on some brookies and find a local guide to help you work up to those monster brown trout. They are wily, but we believe in you.

#### RENT A BOAT FOR THE DAY AND GO YOUR OWN WAY

There's nothing like getting out on your own on the water, and we've got lots of different styles of boats to rent for whatever floats your boat. Renting a pontoon boat to cruise the Assawoman Bay in Ocean City is a family-fun favorite, or get jet skis to get some air over the waves. Take in the sights and sound of National Harbor via kayak or paddleboat. Annapolis, home of the U.S. Naval Academy, is the "Sailing Capital of the U.S." and the perfect place to charter a sailboat. There's no feeling in the world like the rush you get healed over a sailboat as the breeze brings the boat to life.

Deep Creek Lake is another boat rental favorite. You can rent by the day or even the week and pick between pontoon boats for fishing and floating, or even speedboats for water skiing. If you like things a bit guieter, try Baltimore Electric Boat Rental. Located in the hip Harbor East shopping and entertainment neighborhood, these classically styled, covered electric boats are an awesome way to explore the harbor. You can also set sail in a dragon boat or your own private pirate boat from the Inner Harbor. If you prefer to let a captain take the reins, sail on the beautiful schooner Woodwind in Annapolis.

O Pictured Left to Right: Adventure Sports Center International, McHenry; Gunpowder Falls, Monkton

#### **GO WHITE-WATER WILD**

When you think of Maryland waters, you might picture something peaceful and serene like the Chesapeake on a gentle spring morning, but don't tell that to the thrilling Upper Youghiogheny, Savage, Potomac, Cheat and Big Sandy rivers. In fact, Garrett County is such a white-water mecca, the U.S. Olympic Team has trained here. Find a guide and dare rapids from Class II all the way up to towering Class V. Or for a unique adventure, try Adventure Sports Center International near Wisp Resort-it's the world's only mountaintop white-water course. This man-made marvel is the perfect place to learn canoeing, rafting and kayaking, but can also challenge the world's best.

#### WHEN IT'S HOT, GET OLD-SCHOOL COOL AT A GENUINE SWIMMING HOLE

There's certainly no better way to beat the summer heat than taking the plunge in a real swimming hole! Head to Harford County to the sublime Kilgore Falls and take a dip in its waterfall-fed pool. The water may be brisk, but the experience is even cooler! Or for the ultimate swimming hole experience, go to Beaver Dam Swim Club in Cockeysville. It's an easy trip from Baltimore and is an absolute blast with its famous rope swing, leading out to a 30-acre freshwater quarry.



#### **IT'S TUBING TIME**

Grab some inflatable tubes, slip into your water shoes, pack a cooler or two and hike upriver for the float of a lifetime. Tubing is a much-loved Maryland tradition, and you're sure to meet some friendly folk on the river as you drift the day away. The Gunpowder River in Monkton is a family-friendly favorite tubing spot with long, luxurious stretches of easy floating mixed with a few swift spots to spice up your day. There's more great tubing on the Patapsco River through Patapsco Valley State Park. The Avalon, Glen Artney and Orange Grove Areas all offer prime spots to put in, and seeing the parks famous "Swinging Bridge" from underneath is always a hoot. Closer to D.C. and a stone's throw from Harpers Ferry, you'll find the spectacular Maryland Heights on the Potomac River. Consider a guide here, as the long stretches of swift but smooth water are checkered with the occasional Class II and III rapids. Turn your waterfueled outing into an overnight getaway. State parks, like Herrington Manor, offer water activities and cabin rentals for a fun family stay.

## EXPLORE BLACKWATER, "THE EVERGLADES OF THE NORTH"

Rent a canoe or kayak from nearby Blackwater Adventures and explore the meandering waterways of the massive Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Known as "The Everglades of the North," this massive, 28,000-acre refuge is at the heart of the Great Atlantic Flyway and is home to some of the most amazing birding in the world. Witness massive flocks of ducks and geese with more than 50,000 calling the Blackwater home. Seriously, just try and count the eagles.





🙆 Pictured Left to Right: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Cambridge; Urban Pirates, Baltimore

You'll run out of fingers, toes and anything else you care to count on. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service maintains three marked water trails and even has interactive paddling maps for your phone.

#### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PIRACY?

Maybe you've always thought about becoming a real live pirate, but were afraid to commit. No problem, take a day trip on a pirate ship and see if you've got any swash in your buckle. Pirate Adventures on the Chesapeake in Annapolis, Urban Pirates in Baltimore and the National Harbor, and The Duckaneer Pirate Ship in Ocean City guarantee they won't make you walk the plank. Spend the day blasting bad guys with water cannons or the evening on an adults-only booze cruise. If the pirate's life isn't the life for you, you can always go back to your day job.  $\diamondsuit$ 



# **Land of Pleasant Eating**

From classic crab feasts and award-winning fine dining to robust craft beer, wine and spirits scenes, Maryland is a mecca for foodies on the East Coast.

BY LYDIA WOOLEVER

**FOOD & DRINK** 

Get the Digital Inspiration Guide at VisitMaryland.org/ things-to-do/diningrestaurants

Maryland has long been synonymous with heaps of steamed crabs and ice-cold cans of National Bohemian beer—that's Natty Boh to locals. Both still reign supreme, but in recent years, from the shores of the Atlantic to the mountains, inventive chefs, brewers, distillers and vintners have been igniting a culinary renaissance, enticing discerning palates for both iconic and inspired tastes.

#### THE BAY'S BOUNTY

Along the nation's largest estuary, it's no surprise that seafood is the star of the show. It is said that the name Chesapeake comes from the Native American word for "great water." Then, as now, working the water was a way of life for waterfront communities, and today, you can still visit any town along the estuary and find fishing boats bobbing in the harbor or bringing in the daily catch. In every corner of Maryland, crab remains king, arriving in endless iterations, from steamed hard shells and colossal crabcakes to prized soft shells and luscious lumps of meat served every way imaginable—in creamy dips, as the star ingredient in soups, in crispy fritters and atop soft, salty pretzels. Of course, few things are more "Maryland" than a classic crab feast outside in the summer and fall air. Roadside stands allow you to take an Old Bay-covered bushel home to your own picnic table, while a wealth of crab houses across the state also offer an all-day pick without the cleanup, such as the James Beard Award-winning Schultz's in Essex or the al fresco Harris Crab House on the Eastern Shore. For something less messy, crabcakes can be found at nearly every restaurant around, with the some of most famous



mounds hailing from Jimmy's Famous Seafood on Holabird Avenue in Baltimore, Faidley Seafood inside the city's century-old Lexington Market and Dutch's Daughter in Frederick. Just be sure not to miss out on another mouthwatering delicacy of seasonal soft shell crabs, which are served as sandwiches and entrees, broiled or fried, and found at the likes of Cantler's Riverside Inn in Annapolis.

But the Chesapeake Bay has much more to dig your teeth into than just its iconic blue crustacean. Striped bass, aka rockfish, makes an appearance on many regional menus, and oysters, both wild and farmed, can be found in a number of new oyster houses across the state.

#### **GOOD SPIRITS**

When it comes to drinks, Maryland has a long and storied history, with the making of local beer, wine and spirits dating back to the Colonial period. In the last decade, craft brewers, distillers and vintners have been working to revive that hooch heritage by crafting an array of alcoholic beverages celebrating the past while carving out their own entrepreneurial legacy for the future. Fun fact: Maryland is known as "The Free State" because it openly defied anti-liquor laws during Prohibition!

Breweries, in particular, are experiencing a boom, with nearly every county now touting its own taproom. Sure, Natty Boh is still the beloved cheap beer of choice, but small-batch brewers, such as RAR Brewing in Cambridge, Burley Oak in Berlin and Diamondback in Baltimore are upping the ante with stellar suds. Also home to Flying Dog, one of the largest craft breweries in the country and the Guinness Open Gate Brewery, the first in the U.S since 1954, Maryland offers those with a hankering for hops nearly 100 craft breweries and festivals throughout the state. Many options can be found in cans at local liquor stores or on draft at area bars and restaurants.

Maryland wines are ripe for the tasting with new and old vineyards pushing the vino boundaries. With an eye on innovation and sustainability, both Black Ankle Vineyards in Mount Airy and Old Westminster Winery in New Windsor craft every bottle by hand. Both feature tastings and tours plus live music throughout the summer. Crow Vineyard in Kennedyville and Boordy Vineyards in Hydes also remain popular among wine lovers for their family-friendly, idyllic settings.

A growing group of distilleries are making waves for their ambitious array of craft spirits that cater to the mixology movement. There's something for everyone, with local offerings that include vodka (Gray Wolf Craft Distilling), gin (Baltimore Spirits Company), rum (Lyon Distilling Co.), the state's oncefamous rye whiskey (Sagamore Spirit) and much more, available in their own on-site tasting rooms.



#### **Shell Game**

To savor the state treasure of Chesapeake seafood, make your way around the Maryland Crab & Oyster Trail, with dozens of destinations located up and down the estuary. On the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland, old-school crab houses speckle the peninsulas where traditional watermen still troll the local waterways. Oyster farms provide fresh-caught fodder for upscale raw bars and seafood houses. In the mountains in Western Maryland, fresh bay flavors can be found at fish markets, grills and taverns.





**O** Pictured Clockwise Left to Right: Diamondback Brewing Company, Baltimore; Dylan's Oyster Cellar, Baltimore, Sagamore Spirit Distillery, Baltimore; Burley Oak Brewery, Berlin; Smith Island Cake, Smith Island





#### **EDIBLE INSPIRATION**

With its location just below the Mason-Dixon Line, Maryland's food roots draw from both the refined tastes of the North and the downhome charms of the South. Today, local chefs are finding newfound inspiration from the region's rich food history, evolving the dining scene through innovative takes on time-honored traditions.

Baltimore City might be the state's great culinary epicenter, with renowned restaurants turning out some of the top eats on the East Coast. A decade in, James Beard Award-winner Spike Gjerde continues to impress with his pioneering farm-to-table fare at Woodberry Kitchen, and lauded chef Cindy Wolf remains the grand dame of the mid-Atlantic for her Low-Countrymeets-classic-French cuisine at Charleston in Harbor East. At the same time, more informal dining experiences are also catching national buzz, like the modern soul food of Ida B's Table and the hip Chesapeake dishes at Dylan's Oyster Cellar, while cheap, chic establishments have become common go-tos for locals, like taqueria Clavel, Asian street-food shop Ekiben and the worldly R. House food hall.

Across the state, celebrity chefs have also been wooed by the Chesapeake's abundance, like New York City's Michelin-starred Andrew Carmellini, who is now serving creative riffs on Southern cooking at Rye Street Tavern along the Patapsco River in Baltimore. Just outside of Washington, D.C., prolific restaurateur José Andrés has also expanded his empire to the National Harbor with the seafood-themed Fish in Oxon Hill. Even Maryland's own *Top Chef* finalist Bryan Voltaggio carries on in Frederick with his celebrated spots, the downhome Family Meal and worldrenowned Volt.

Off the beaten path, diners can discover hidden gems with rave reviews as well, such as the James Beard-nominated Inferno Pizzeria Napoletana outside of Gaithersburg and the whimsical Flamant in Annapolis.

#### **TAKEAWAY TREATS**

Fresh seafood and frothy beers aren't the easiest to travel with, but luckily, there are a host of Maryland-made food souvenirs fit for the road. By the beach, families stockpile old favorites, such as Fisher's Popcorn and Dolle's salt water taffy, while in the city of Baltimore, sweet tooths crave fudge-covered Berger Cookies, crispy Otterbein's cookies, and confections like Cow Tales and Mouth Party Caramels. Whether you're looking for a tasty souvenir to share with someone back home, or just need a snack to hold you over on the way to your next Maryland adventure, these delicious delicacies travel well. 💠





**O Pictured Clockwise from Top:** Woodberry Kitchen, Baltimore; Old Westminster Winery, New Windsor; Crabcake at Charleston, Harbor East; Black Ankle Vineyards, Mount Airy

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## **Maryland's Main Events**

From food festivals to major sporting events, there's always something big going on in Maryland. Browse this calendar of events for a taste of what's happening. Don't forget to confirm details before traveling, as they are subject to change.

#### **January 20**

20th Annual MLK Parade Baltimore Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd between Eutaw St and Baltimore St Downtown Baltimore www.promotionandarts.org

Parade commemorates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### February 1

Fire In Ice Downtown Frederick Frederick County www.visitfrederick.org/events/fire-in-ice 301-698-8118

Enjoy late night shopping and dining along with beautiful ice sculptures, fire dancers, and an ice playground. Warm up with hot cocoa, s'mores and fire stations throughout Downtown Frederick. &

#### February 22

Deep Creek Dunk – Freezin' for a Reason

19814 Garrett Hwy, Oakland, Garrett County www.dunkmd.com

Take an icy dip in Deep Creek Lake to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland. Fee for registration. &

#### Spirits of Southern Maryland

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum 22156 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park St. Mary's County https://marylandspirits.org/event/spirits-ofmaryland-southern-md 301-863-1900

Sample Maryland spirits amidst a grand collection of historic naval aircraft and exhibits dedicated to naval aviation's past, present and future. This event will feature full access to the state-of-the-art museum, live music, light appetizers and chats and seminars for VIP participants. & \$

#### February 28-29

**National Outdoor Show** 

South Dorchester K-8 School 3485 Golden Hill Rd, Church Creek Dorchester County https://nationaloutdoorshow.org 410-397-8835

Welcome to Muskrat Country, the heartland of sportsmen, trappers, watermen and wildlife. Learn about this area in much the same way as our first settlers did when they discovered the Indians who shared their knowledge of trapping, skinning, fur dealing, hunting, fishing, crabbing and oystering. \$

#### February 29

Love on Tap Beer Festival Roland E. Powell Convention Center 4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City Worcester County www.shorecraftbeerfest.com/love-on-tap.html

Fifth annual Love on Tap Shore Craft Beer Festival offering local craft beer, live music and lots of fun. This festival is craft beer meets tourism! Take a tour of the Eastern Shore inside Ocean City's Convention Center and walk through local towns known for their local craft beer to find out why we deserve to be one of the top ten craft beer destinations in the country. & \$

#### March 26-29

Annapolis Film Festival Citywide at participating venues Multiple locations, Annapolis Anne Arundel County www.visitannapolis.org/events/ annual/annapolis-film-festival

The Annapolis Film Festival returns to downtown Annapolis March 26 – March 29 with a full slate of more than 70 films. The festival includes four-days of films, panels, parties, showcases, coffee talks and Q&A's with filmmakers. Check our website for a complete list of all narrative features, documentary features and shorts films.

#### April 3-November 7

Port Tobacco Historic Village First Weekends Port Tobacco Courthouse Off Rt 6 on Chapel Point Rd, Port Tobacco Charles County www.explorecharlescounty.com 301-392-3418

Port Tobacco Historic Village offers walking tours featuring historic and replica structures from 1608-1971.

#### April 3-13

PEEPshow Carroll Arts Center 91 West Main St, Westminster Carroll County www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/ aa\_peepshow.asp 410-848-7272

Creative and kid-friendly sculpture event displaying wacky marshmallow PEEP® masterpieces created by local artists, businesses and community groups. &

#### April 4

Discovering Archaeology Day Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum 10515 Mackall Rd, St. Leonard Calvert County https://jefpat.maryland.gov/pages/events/

annual-events.aspx Discover your inner Indiana Jones through

hands-on activities including archaeologysite-in-a-can, interactive archaeology exhibits and cataloguing activities.

#### April 4-5

Eastern Shore Sea Glass & Coastal Arts Festival Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

213 North Talbot St, St. Michaels Talbot County

http://cbmm.org/events/annual-festivalsand-special-events 410-745-2916

The annual Eastern Shore Sea Glass and Coastal Arts Festival in St. Michaels will now have a larger, waterfront location at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. The festival now includes scenic river cruises, live music, food and libations. & \$

#### April 17-19

Bay Bridge Boat Show Bay Bridge Marina 357 Pier One Rd, Stevensville Queen Anne's County www.annapolisboatshows.com/bay-bridgeboat-show

Kick off your boating season at the Bay Bridge Boat Show. The largest spring in-water boat show north of Florida will feature more than 400 powerboats from seven to 70 feet including an impressive collection of fishing boats, center consoles, trawlers, express cruisers, pontoon boats, luxury cruisers, jet skis, jet boats, ski boats, bowriders, inflatables, kayaks, SUPs and canoes. Explore more than 100 exhibitor booths, food court and children's area. Fun for the whole family.

#### April 19

Fairy and Gnome Home Festival Anne Marie Sculpture Garden and Art Center 13470 Dowell Rd, Solomons, Calvert County www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/ content/fairy-gnome-home-festival-tour 410-326-4640

An over the top magical afternoon of games, unicorn rides, crafts, build your own fairy house, music, food and drinks. \$

#### April 23-26

Spring Delmarva Birding Weekend Various locations throughout Worcester County http://delmarvabirding.com

Celebrate the migration of hundreds of shore birds and waterfowl along Maryland's coast. Guided by local fun-loving birders with decades-long experience, the walking tours, boat trips and canoe and kayak paddles will accommodate visitors from the curious nature lover to fowl fanatics. & \$

#### April 24-27

18th-Century Market Fair at Fort Frederick Fort Frederick 11100 Fort Frederick Rd, Big Pool Washington County https://dnr.maryland.gov 301-842-2155

Reenactors firing period weapons, 150 artisans, encampment, living history programs and sutlers demonstrating their craft.

#### April 25

Maryland Hunt Cup Worthington Valley 2700 Tufton Ave, Reisterstown Baltimore County http://marylandhuntcup.com

Grab a picnic and a blanket or your fanciest tailgate attire and join us for the great Maryland tradition of steeplechase racing.

#### **May TBA**

Canal Pride Days Along the C&O Canal Rallying Points to be announced, Montgomery County www.canaltrust.org/programs/canalpride-days

Canal Pride is the signature volunteer program that rallies more than 1,000 volunteers

annually to perform a range of preservation and beautification projects in the Park. Canal Pride engages local communities in shared stewardship of this treasured recreational, natural and historical resource.

#### Commissioning Week

& Blue Angels Air Show Banks of the Severn River on the USNA campus Public Viewing near the Severn River Annapolis, Anne Arundel County www.visitannapolis.org/events/annual/ commissioning-week

The United States Naval Academy prepares for a week of tradition, ceremony, and celebration for its graduating class of 2020. Commissioning Week offers a host of events, some available to the public, that provide a taste of the history and tradition of the United States Naval Academy, along with an airshow put on by the famed Blue Angels.

#### DelFest

Allegany County Fairgrounds 11400 Moss Ave, Cumberland, Allegany County http://delfest.com

DelFest offers stellar Bluegrass performances and one-of-a-kind musical collaborations over Memorial Day weekend.

#### Fair Hill Races

Fair Hill Fairgrounds 4640 Telegraph Rd, Elkton, Cecil County *www.fairhillraces.com* 410-398-2578, 1-800-CECIL-95

An annual steeplechase horse race since 1934 with parimutuel betting, vendors and children's entertainment from face painting to pony rides. &  $\$ 

#### Maryland Craft Beer Festival

Carroll Creek Linear Park 44 South Market St, Frederick Frederick County www.mdcraftbeerfestival.com 410-252-9463

More than 25 Maryland brewing companies sampling 175 unique, local beers with exclusive access to small-batch beers and one-of-a-kind casks. A family-friendly environment with live music featuring local bluegrass/Americana/folk music. & \$

#### **Scottish Games**

Fair Hill Race Track 4600 Telegraph Rd, Intersections of MD rts 273 & 213, Elkton, Cecil County http://fairhillscottishgames.org 410-398-1246, 1-800-CECIL-95

A day of celebrating Scottish traditions with athletics, highland dance, piping, drumming, bagpipe bands, sheep dog demonstrations, vendors and food. &

#### May 2

Jazz & Blues, Wine & Brews Throughout the Town of Berlin Worcester County https://berlinchamber.org/jazz-blue-bash

Music Festival and tasting event. Enjoy two stages of live blues and jazz, food and tastings with lots of shopping and vendors in America's coolest small town! &

## June TBA

Event is from 10:30am-4:30pm and will

The Preakness Stakes

5201 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore

This 145-year-old Baltimore tradition is

held at Pimlico Race Course as the horses

compete for the second jewel of the Triple

Crown. Enjoy a full day of racing from the

grandstand or party at InfieldFest with

concerts on multiple stages right in the

Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods

Wine in the Woods is one of the premiere

events in the region and a source of pride

for Howard County. Recreation and Parks

than 25 Maryland wineries. In addition to

the wineries, the event attracts almost 50

**Chestertown Tea Party Festival** 

Chestertown, Kent County

www.chestertownteaparty.org

Near the Chester River and throughout

(Memorial Day Weekend). The festival marks

notable historic events, when the citizens of Chestertown—in an act to show resistance

to British rule-tossed a ship's cargo of tea

overboard into the Chester River in 1774.

The festival's Tea Toss reenactment is the

centerpiece of the event which includes

a Friday night Block Party, Saturday 5K &

10-mile races, craft beer and local wine

with a fun-filled wakev raft race. \$

Maryland Freedom Swim

https://runsignup.com/race/md/

cambridge/marylandfreedomswim

Who hasn't driven over the Frederick C

Malkus Jr bridge (Choptank River Bridge)

on Rt 50 and wondered what it would be

Well if you are one of THOSE folks, this is

a race for you. Join us as we navigate the

Choptank River, between the bridges from

the the Talbot County side to the Sailwinds

Park beach access point on the Dorchester

Choptank River will be supported by paddle

County side. This 2.0 mile trip across the

Venues in Chestertown and throughout

craft, motor craft and the USCG. \$

May 31-June 13

National Music Festival

Kent County

like to swim from one side to the other?

Dorchester Visitor Center

May 30

samples, craft vendors, street performances, street parade and more. Sunday continues

2 Rosehill PI, Cambridge, Dorchester County

the anniversary of one of the area's most

artisans, musicians on two stages and over

put on this two-day event highlighting more

10630 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia

Pimlico Race Course

www.preakness.com

middle of the racetrack.

Wine in the Woods

20 food vendors. 🕏 \$

May 22-24

http://wineinthewoods.com

May 16-17

Howard County

Baltimore City

offer food, entertainment, craft vendors and

historic displays. Parade begins at 10:30am.

#### AFI Docs Film Festival

AFI JOCS FIIM FESTIVAI AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center 8633 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring Montgomery County https://afisilver.afi.com

The Hollywood Reporter calls it the "premier showcase for documentary film." AFI DOCS is the nation's documentary film festival known for showcasing the best in documentary filmmaking from the U.S. and around the world.

#### **Capital Jazz Fest**

Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods 10630 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia Howard County www.capitaljazz.com/fest/2019

Multi-day, multi-stage outdoor music festival. Festival marketplace with arts and crafts, specialty food court and meet and oreet with artists. & \$

Columbia Festival of the Arts Various Locations Downtown Columbia 10275 Wincopin Cir, Columbia Howard County https://columbiafestival.org 410-715-3044

An annual celebration of the arts in a broad spectrum of art forms and cultures, encouraging interaction among artists and audiences, and featuring local and national artists. & \$

#### Frogfest

Downtown Federalsburg, Caroline County www.facebook.com/federalsburgfrogfest

This fun-filled day includes a Youth Fishing Derby, Kayak Poker Run and Frogfest, featuring rides, music, food, vendors, fireworks and more.

#### **Heritage Days**

Washington Street Historic District Washington and Baltimore sts, Cumberland, Allegany County www.heritagedaysfestival.com 301-722-0037

Cumberland's annual Heritage Days Festival marks the traditional beginning of summer. Heritage Days has something for everyone.

#### June 4-7

95th Anniversary of Deep Creek Lake 15 Visitors Center Dr, McHenry Garrett County www.visitdeepcreek.com

www.visitucepcicek.com

Celebrate the 95th anniversary of Deep Creek Lake with events, specials and discounts at participating businesses around Garrett County.

#### June 5-7

Havre de Grace Jazz & Blues Fest Cultural Center at the Opera House and various venues in town 121 N Union Ave, Havre de Grace Harford County www.hdgjazzbluesfestival.org 410-939-2100

Last year's line-up included: Mindy Abair and the Boneshakers, Johnny Neel, Cab Calloway Orchestra, Nico Sarbanes Trio, Eric Byrd Trio, Rising Stars and many more. Check website for the 2020 schedule. &

#### June 12

Whiskey Rebellion Allegany Museum 3 Pershing St, Cumberland, Allegany County https://whiskeyrebellioncumberland.com/ events-and-activities

Enjoy tastings of whiskey and other spirits, historic re-enactments, colonial 'pub' room

with authentic colonial games, canapés and more to commemorate George Washington's visit to Cumberland to lead the suppression of the 1794 Whiskey Rebellion.

#### June 13-14

#### **Heritage Days**

Museums, Parks and Historic sites countywide, Montgomery County www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/ heritage-days

Heritage Days is a festival that highlights historic, cultural and outdoor recreation sites with special programs including exhibits & demonstrations, live music, activities for children and much more! Heritage Days is the perfect chance to enjoy many small sites that are not regularly open to the public.

#### June 13-14

OC Air Show Ocean City Beach Area 15th St & Boardwalk, Ocean City http://ocairshow.com

The Air Show is visible along the entire length of the Boardwalk, creating an inspiring experience for visitors.

#### June 19-20

Antique & Classic Boat Festival & The Arts at Navy Point Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 213 North Talbot St, St. Michaels Talbot County http://cbmm.org/events/annual-festivalsand-special-events 410-745-2916

Old boats, cool waterfront fun with wooden and fiberglass classics, vintage racers and other antique and Chesapeake Bay-related boats, along with a juried arts maritime arts show.

#### June 20

Drink Maryland-Centreville Downtown Centreville Lawyers Row & Broadway, Centreville Queen Anne's County https://marylandwine.com

Browse local products, handmade crafts and enjoy live music and delicious food—all while learning about the local craft beverage industries of Maryland.

#### June-September

Summer Evening Concerts at Boordy Vineyards Boordy Vineyards 12820 Long Green Pike, Hydes Baltimore County www.boordy.com/visit-thevineyard/events 410-592-5015

Enjoy wine tasting, picnicking and dancing under the stars to popular live bands!

#### July 4

Fire on the Mountain July 4th Fireworks Display

Wisp Resort overlooking Deep Creek Lake 296 Marsh Hill Rd, McHenry, Garrett County www.visitdeepcreek.com/pages/fireonthe mountainfireworksdisplay

Fireworks display launched at Wisp Resort out toward the waters of Deep Creek Lake. Rain date: July 5. &

#### Kinetic Sculpture Race

On the shores of Baltimore's Harbor Baltimore, Baltimore City https://kineticbaltimore.com

The American Visionary Art Museum hosts this race of human-powered works of art. Racers compete for awards like "next to last" and "mediocre champion" weaving through 15 miles of land, sea and mud across the city, resulting in an adrenalinefueled parade of entertainment.

#### **Solomons Maritime Festival**

Calvert Marine Museum 14100 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons Calvert County www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/233/ annual-events 410-326-2042

Antique boat and marine engine show, learn how to pick crabs, see Chesapeake Bay retrievers in action and talk with traditional Maryland craftsmen. &

#### May 2-3

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Howard County Fair Grounds 2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship Howard County

https://sheepandwool.org

Featuring more than 800 sheep, sheep shows, sheep breeds display, parade of breeds, all kinds of demonstrations (including working sheepdogs, sheep shearing, spinning and weaving), sheep to shawl contest, fleece show and sale, workshops and seminars, special activities for kids, cooking demonstrations, food booths, musical entertainment and more than 275 vendors. & \$

#### **Towsontown Spring Festival**

and Gardens Day Towson Court House Gardens 400 Washington Ave, Towson Baltimore County www.towsontownspringfestival.com 410-825-1144

The largest outdoor festival in Maryland and one of the largest on the East Coast, with approximately 250,000 visitors.

#### May 2-August 28

Town of La Plata Summer Concert Series La Plata Town Hall 305 Queen Anne St, La Plata Charles County https://townoflaplata.org 301-934-8421

The Friday night Summer Concert Series takes place on the lawn at La Plata Town Hall. Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. The Kids' Zone allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones.

#### May 7-10

Springfest Inlet Lot at the south end of the Ocean City Boardwalk Ocean City https://ococean.com/events/springfest

Four dynamic days of food, live musical entertainment and unique arts & crafts under four huge big-top tents.

#### May 16

Kent Island Day

Historic Stevensville Town Center Main St and citywide, Stevensville Queen Anne's County www.kentislandheritagesociety.org Celebration of the founding of Kent Island! http://nationalmusic.us Kent County is transformed into a hub of music for two weeks. The event pairs gifted apprentice musicians with world-class mentors. The performers get together for open, free rehearsal and incredible performances in yenues across the county

in orchestral and chamber repertoire. All

However, some concerts require a ticket.

rehearsals are free and open to the public.

#### July 10-12

Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival St. Clement's Island Museum (& Leonardtown) 38370 Point Breeze Rd, Colton's Point &

Leonardtown, St. Mary's County https://potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com 301-769-2222

Music and food event featuring jazz artists and an array of seafood delicacies at the museum lawn on the Potomac; admission by reservation only. Free activites on Friday and Sunday at Leonardtown. \$

#### July 11

Sharkfest! **Calvert Marine Museum** 14100 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons Calvert County www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/233/ annual-events

410-326-2042

Hands-on opportunities to explore sharks Learn shark facts, examine evidence of prehistoric sharks, make shark crafts, take selfies with prehistoric and live modern-day sharks. 🕏 \$

Taste of Cambridge Crab Cook-Off and Festival

Downtown Cambridge Poplar and Race sts, Cambridge Dorchester County https://downtowncambridge.org/event/ taste-of-cambridge-crab-cook-off

It's free to visit this beloved festival and enjoy live music, vendors, crafts for kids and festival competitions. Get there early to sign up for the kids Watermelon Eating Contest and Hula Hoop Contest at the kid's zone. But, you must have a ticket to taste all of the delicious crab dishes. Taste, compare and vote for your favorite in each crab dish category.

#### July 12-19

Plein Air Easton Art Festival and Competition **Historic Downtown Easton** Easton, Talbot County pleinaireaston.org

View and buy works from 58 juried artists at events throughout the nine-day festival, one of the largest and most prestigious juried outdoor painting competitions in the country.

#### July 15

J.M. Tawes Crab & Clam Bake Somers Cove Marina 715 Broadway, Crisfield, Somerset County

www.crisfieldevents.com/clambake 410-968-2500, 1-800-782-3913

All-you-care-to-eat seafood (crabs/clams/ fish/beverages) with a side of entertainment at Somers Cove Marina; named for Maryland's 54th governor. 🕏 \$

#### July 17-19

#### Artscape

Station North Arts & Entertainment District Baltimore, Baltimore City www.Artscape.org

America's largest free arts festival features more than 150 artists, designers and craftspeople, plus three nights of outdoor concerts and performances by national acts.

#### July 24-August 1

**Cecil County Fair** Fair Hill Fairgrounds 4640 Telegraph Rd, Elkton, Cecil County http://cecilcountyfair.org 410-392-3440

Enjoy this old-fashioned country fair with rodeo, demolition derby, midway, & tractor pulls, 4H exhibits and entertainment.

#### July 25

Food Truck Trifecta Maryland State Fairgrounds 2200 York Rd, Timonium, Baltimore County www.trifectafestival.com 1-800-830-3976

40+ of Baltimore's favorite savory & sweet food trucks! Awesome live music! Family friendly event!

#### July-September

**Dinner Under the Stars** 

Historic Downtown Annapolis Restaurants on West St, Annapolis Anne Arundel County www.visitannapolis.org/discover/articles/ dinner-under-the-stars

Each and every Wednesday from July to mid-September, restaurants on West Street will be taking al fresco dining in historic Downtown Annapolis to a new level with café tables on the brick streets, closed to traffic, plus live music, overhead light canopy for ambiance and special art exhibits

#### August TBA

#### **National Clustered Spires High Wheel** Race

**Downtown Frederick** 124 N Market St, Frederick Frederick County www.highwheelrace.com

America's only High-Wheel (Penny Farthing) bike race featuring racers from across the nation. Watch qualifying heats of racers riding antique or replica 19th-Century bikes as they compete for the National Title. &

#### Summerfest

**Downtown Denton** Market St, Denton, Caroline County http://carolinesummerfest.com 410-479-8120

Family festival featuring three stages of local entertainment, performers, artisans, free KidzArt activities, the Choptak Rivah Run and fireworks.

#### August 1

**Blessing of the Combines** Downtown Snow Hill Snow Hill, Worcester County http://blessinaofthecombines.ora/new

Annual celebration of our agricultural heritage with a combine parade, petting barnyard, hayrides, children's tractor pull and vendors. is

#### August 2

#### Latino Festival

Maryland State Fairgrounds 2200 York Rd, Timonium, Baltimore County http://marvlandfest.com 410-327-6005

Come celebrate Latin American culture at the State Fairgrounds, with great food and many nationally known music and entertainment performers.

**Sudlersville Peach Festival** Godfrey's Farm 302 Leager Rd, Sudlersville Queen Anne's County www.godfreysfarm.com

Event with local bands, great homemade food including everything from pit beef to peach cobbler. Local vendors offering the best handmade crafts and great family activities. Great time for the entire family!

#### August 3-7

White Marlin Open Harbour Island Marina 14th Street on the Bay, Ocean City https://ococean.com/things-to-do/fishing/ white-marlin-open

World's largest billfish tournament! Come watch fish weigh-ins Monday-Friday at Harbour Island Marina.

#### August 8

Beach Party on the Square Throughout the town of Leonardtown

22670 Washington St, Leonardtown St. Mary's County https://leonardtown.somd.com/beachparty

Fun in the sun! End your summer with sand volleyball, non-stop party band, firetruck hose-downs, strolling entertainers, paddle boarding, large inflatable slides, fun foods and general summer fun in the Square in Leonardtown. 🕏

#### August 14-15

Maryland BBQ Bash Downtown Bel Air Mary Risteau Courthouse, Bond & Thomas sts, Bel Air, Harford County

https://downtownbelair.com/md-bbg-bash 443-945-7465

Barbeque-themed street event featuring top-quality competition and local BBQ dishes, musical performances, crafters, sponsored displays and more. &

#### August 14-16

**Pirates and Wenches Fantasy Weekend** Rock Hall Venues throughout town, Rock Hall Kent County

www.rockhallpirates.com

A town-wide themed party featuring a Sea Shanty sing-a-long, rum tasting, decorated dinghy contest, Caribbean beach party at Rock Hall beach along the magnificent Chesapeake Bay, Buccaneer's Ball treasure hunt, pirate performers, lots of entertainment and more.

#### August 14-22

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Montgomery County Agricultural Center 501 Perry Pkwy, Gaithersburg Montgomery County http://mcaafair.com 301-963-FAIR

The largest agricultural county fair in Maryland; features farm animals, rides, food and entertainment

#### August 15

**Hot August Music Festival** Oregon Ridge Park 13403 Beaver Dam Rd, Cockeysville **Baltimore County** www.hotaugustmusicfestival.com 877-321-3378

Don't let the heat get you down. Join us for great music and an all-together great time.

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#### Legacy Day Venues throughout Chestertown Kent County

http://garpost25.org/about-us/legacyday

Legacy Day celebrates the rich cultural heritage of African Americans in Kent County; each year has a different theme. The day is filled with exhibitions, a genealogy workshop, a gospel concert and other activities in various venues. Food, drink and craft vendors will be set up in Fountain Park (in downtown Chestertown) throughout the day. The day of celebration finishes with a dance party on High Street featuring a live band.

#### August 15-16

Augustoberfest City Center Central Parking Lot, Hagerstown Washington County augustoberfest.org 301-739-8577 ext 116

A festival highlighting Hagerstown's German Heritage. Authentic Bavarian food. entertainment and vendors.

#### August 21-23

Wicomico County Fair WinterPlace Park 6737 Blue Ribbon Rd, Salisbury Wicomico County www.wicomicofair.com

The Wicomico County Fair features rides and games, animals, food, entertainment, vendors, auctions and of course, lots of Farm and Home Show competitions. This annual event is produced by the Wicomico Farm and Home Show and Wicomico County. Admission and parking are free.

#### August 27-September 7

Horseland at the Maryland State Fair Maryland State Fairgrounds 2200 York Rd, Timonium, Baltimore County www.marylandstatefair.com 410-252-0200

Immerse yourself in everything horses. From hands-on crafts and education to stick horse races and more.\$

#### See ad on pages 14.

**Maryland State Fair** Maryland State Fairgrounds 2200 York Rd, Timonium, Baltimore County www.marvlandstatefair.com

410-252-0200 Nearly a half-million visitors each year attest to what has become a favorite summer tradition-the 11 best days of summer.

#### August-October

#### Maryland Renaissance Festival

**Revel Grove** 1821 Crownsville Rd, Annapolis Anne Arundel County www.visitannapolis.org/events/annual/ renaissance-festival

The Maryland Renaissance Festival welcomes visitors to immerse themselves in a recreated 16th-century English village. Take a day to wander through 16th-century England while experiencing jesters, jousters, knights, live music and activities. You'll discover a new world full of family-fun, entertainment, food, and more at the Maryland Renaissance Festival.



#### **August-December**

#### Navy Football

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium 550 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis Anne Arundel County www.visitannapolis.org/discover/ articles/navy-football-in-annapolisyour-complete-guide

Anyone who's been to Annapolis during the fall knows about the spirited atmosphere that engulfs the city during football season. Every Naval Academy home game, the city swells to capacity with fans from all around flooding into the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to catch the Midshipmen in action.

#### September TBA

Alpaca Festival

Outstanding Dreams Farm 24480 Pinetown Rd, Preston Caroline County www.outstandingdreamsfarm.com 410-673-2002

Annual festival featuring handcrafted alpaca fiber goods, food, arts and crafts, children's activities, fiber arts demonstrations and lovable alpacas.

#### Maryland Microbrewery Festival Union Mills Homestead & Grist Mill

3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster Carroll County https://unionmills.org/events/maryland-microbrewery-festival 410-848-2288

Day of tasting Maryland microbrews and handcrafted beers at scenic, historic Union Mills Homestead featuring music, beer seminars, crafts and food. & \$

#### September 6

Defenders Day at North Point Fort Howard Park 9500 North Point Rd, Edgemere Baltimore County www.dundalkhistory.org/defendersday.html 410-284-2331

Commemorate the Battle of North Point, part of the defense of Baltimore, when British troops invaded in 1814.

#### September 11-13

National Folk Festival Downtown Salisbury 100-110 Circle Ave, Salisbury Wicomico County www.nationalfolkfestival.com

The oldest, longest-running multicultural traditional arts celebration in the country. The free event features continuous music, a dance pavilion, traditional crafts, regional food, storytelling, parades and folklife demonstrations.

#### September 12

Deep Creek Lake Art, Wine & Beer Festival 270 Mosser Rd, McHenry Garrett County deepcreekwinefest.com

Art, craft beer & wine tastings, live music, wine-pairing dinners and lodging packages. &  $\$  Indigenous Heritage Day Historic St. Mary's City 47414 Old State House Rd, St. Mary's City, St. Mary's County https://hsmcdigshistory.org/event/

indian-discovery 240-895-4990 Explore and celebrate Indian lifeways

and culture. Learn skills, try crafts, watch demonstrations, and gain a new appreciation for the people that called this land home before Maryland was founded. & \$

#### September 18-20

Berlin Fiddler's Convention Downtown Berlin Berlin, Worcester County https://berlinchamber.org/fiddlersconvention

Free family-friendly event in downtown historic Berlin offering Bluegrass, Celtic, Irish and Cajun musicians competing for prizes in fiddle, banjo, mandolin and full band categories. &

#### September 19

Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival Towson Courthouse Plaza/Patriot Plaza 401 Bosley Ave, Towson Baltimore County

http://aaculturalfestival.com 410-635-4381

Celebrate the rich and thriving traditions of the African American community. Renowned and local entertainers, small and large businesses and more than 40,000 attendees.

#### September 19-20

Maryland Wine Festival Carroll County Farm Museum 500 S Center St, Westminster Carroll County

www.marylandwine.org/mwf 1-800-654-4645

A tasting of Maryland wines, continuous on-stage entertainment, crafts and delicious cuisine. & \$

#### See ad on this page. September 24–27

Sunfest Inlet Lot at the south end of the OC Boardwalk, Ocean City https://ococean.com/sunfest

Ocean City's biggest and best festival with four dynamic days of food, live music and unique arts & crafts under four huge big-top tents.

#### September 26

Dorchester Heritage Skipjack Races Long Wharf Park Foot of High St, Cambridge Dorchester County www.skipjack-nathan.org 410-228-7141

This event features the traditional oyster dredging boats that are unique to the Chesapeake Bay. About 26 actively sailing skipjacks exist today. A small Skipjack Festival will also be held at Long Wharf Park, with food vendors and exhibitors. The Choptank Heritage Skipjack race is one of only two such events worldwide. It attracts regional and maritime historians, boating enthusiasts and professional photographers from all over the country. This a free event and everyone is invited to see these historic boats, including several that are more than 60 years old, as well as a few that are over 100 years old.

#### Legacy Chase

Shawan Downs 1401 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville Baltimore County http://legacychase.org 443-849-2773

Featuring multiple steeplechase races, \$50,000 in purse money, live music, wine tasting and family-friendly fun.

#### **October TBA**

Fair Hill International Fair Hill 4640 Telegraph Rd, Elkton Cecil County www.fairhillinternational.com 410-398-2111

The Dutta Corp. Fair Hill International is a world-class, multi-day equestrian competition with vendors, family activities, food. On the weekends, enjoy live music, dog agility and frisbee dogs demos.

#### Garden Show

Ladew Topiary Gardens 3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton Harford County www.ladewgardens.com/education/ family-education/gardenglow 410-557-9570 & \$

#### Great Allegany Relay

Canal Place Canal St, Cumberland, Allegany County https://gaptrailrelay.org 412-586-7785

Run a two-day non-stop relay through the Great Allegheny Passage! Build an awesome team of your running buddies, your freakishly-fit family, and anyone else ready to prove that they have what it takes to RUN WILD.

#### October 1-31

#### Free Fall

Citywide at participating venues Baltimore, Baltimore City www.freefallbaltimore.org

Enjoy an entire month of free arts and cultural events throughout the city. Area museums, attractions and organizations showcase the power of the arts with special concerts, performances, workshops, exhibitions, tours and festivals.

#### October 3

Rocktoberfest Downtown La Plata La Grange Ave, La Plata Charles County www.facebook.com/rocktoberfest/p

Rocktoberfest is a family fun day filled with great live music, street & food vendors and a kid zone. It rocks rain or shine. \$

#### October 7-11

53rd Annual Autumn Glory Festival Various locations throughout Garrett County

www.visitdeepcreek.com/53rdannual-autumn-glory-festival

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800-654-4645 CarrollCountyFarmMuseum.org



#### October 9-10

Good Beer Festival Pemberton Historical Park 5561 Plantation Ln, Salisbury Wicomico County www.goodbeerfestival.org

Taste from more than 100 American craft brews at the Eastern Shore's largest craft beer festival \$

#### **October 10**

#### FallFest

Rock Hall Townwide, Rock Hall, Kent County www.kentcounty.com/events/annual/ 34-rock-hall-fall-fest

Rock Hall pays homage to the almighty oyster by inviting guests to savor oyster stew and fried oysters while browsing dozens of artisan and craft booths. The festival highlights a variety of live music performances, children's activities and opportunities to explore beautiful Rock Hall. For more information visit our website.

Nanticoke River Jamboree Handsell

4837 Indiantown Rd, North of Vienna Dorchester County https://nanticokeriverjamboree.com

The county's largest living history event, the

Jamboree celebrates the history, culture and natural wonders of the Nanticoke River.

#### October 10-11

Catoctin Colorfest Thurmont Community Park 21 Frederick Rd, Thurmont Frederick County www.visitfrederick.org/events/ catoctin-colorfest 301-271-7533

Local art, jewelry, crafts and a variety of delicious food are just a few of the fun things you will find at this annual event! Catoctin Colorfest, located in Thurmont, is one of the largest outdoor craft shows on the East Coast and is held as the area's vibrant leaves are changing.

#### October 17

#### **Fall Harvest Celebration**

Carroll County Farm Museum 500 S Center St, Westminster, Carroll County www.carrollcountyfarmmuseum.org 1-800-654-4645

Scarecrow making, wagon rides, apple butter making, country food, crafts, entertainment, old-fashioned games and farmhouse tours. & \$

See ad on page 53.

#### October 17-18

Autumn Wine Festival Pemberton Historical Park 5561 Plantation Ln, Salisbury Wicomico County www.autumnwinefestival.org

Explore Maryland wine from one picturesque location on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Held in partnership with the Maryland Wineries Association. \$

U.S. Oyster Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds 42455 Fairgrounds Rd, Leonardtown St. Mary's County https://usoysterfest.com 301-863-5015

Celebrate the opening of the Chesapeake Bay's oyster season while enjoying the U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championships & National Oyster Cook-Off. & \$

#### October 31

#### OysterFest

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 213 North Talbot St, St. Michaels Talbot County www.cbmm.org

Features oysters served a variety of ways, along with other local fare, craft beer and spirits. Other festivities include live music on two stages, scenic river cruises aboard *Winnie Estelle*, an oyster stew competition, Chesapeake Bay retriever demonstrations, children's activities and more.

#### **November 7**

American Indian Heritage Day Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum 10515 Mackall Rd, St. Leonard Calvert County https://jefpat.maryland.gov/pages/events/ annual-events.aspx

Visit our recreated Native American village for a day filled with activities. Celebrate Native American achievements and learn about history. &

#### November 13-15

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Waterfowl Festival Citywide Harrison St, Easton, Talbot County

waterfowlfestival.org World-class wildlife art and sportsman's expo that celebrates the Eastern Shore lifestyle and honors a commitment to

#### November 19-December 31

Winterfest of Lights Northside Park 125th St, Bayside, Ocean City https://ococean.com/events/all-events

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#### November 21-22

Valley Craft Network Studio Tour Middletown and Pleasant Valley areas Towns along South Mountain including Rohrersville, Keedysville, Boonsboro, Gapland, Weverton and others Washington County valleycraftnetwork.org 301-432-0281

This annual event always takes place the Saturday and Sunday before Thanksgiving. Currently there are 16 fine artists and craftspeople in our Network. During the Tour weekend we invite you to stop by our studios and showrooms for an up-close view of our creative process. A printable brochure and map of the VCN Tour is available on our website.

#### **November-December**

#### Holidays in Baltimore

Village, Miracle on 34th St, Mayor's Parade in Hampden, B&O Railroad Events, Fells Point Olde Tyme Christmas, and dozens

more events Citywide throughout Baltimore,

Baltimore City

https://baltimore.org/ultimate-guide/ holiday-events

There's no better place to celebrate the magical holiday season than in Baltimore. Get in the spirit with the impressive display at Miracle on 34th Street where an entire block of houses is covered in lights and baubles, twirl past beautiful waterfront views at the outdoor Inner Harbor Ice Rink, complete your gift shopping at the authentic German Christmas Village and so much more!

#### **November-January 2021**

Christmas on the Potomac & ICE! Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center 201 Waterfront St, National Harbor Prince George's County www.ChristmasOnThePotomac.com 301-965-4000

Must-see holiday attraction and awardwinning celebration with gingerbread decorating, ice skating, workshops and ICE sculpture event. & \$

#### November 21-January 3, 2021

#### Holiday in the Park

Six Flags America 13710 Central Ave, Upper Marlboro Prince George's County www.sixflags.com/america/special-events/ holiday-in-the-park 301-249-1500

Winter spectacular featuring lights, sights and sounds, holiday entertainment, seasonal treats, visits with Santa and popular theme park rides.

#### **December TBA**

Brookside Gardens Garden of Lights Brookside Gardens 1800 Glenallan Ave, Wheaton Montgomery County www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-andtrails/brookside-gardens/garden-of-lights 301-962-1453

Step into a magical winter wonderland illuminated with more than one million dazzling colorful lights shaped into hand-crafted, original art forms of flowers, animals and other natural elements.

Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade Annapolis Harbor and Spa Creek above the Spa Creek Bridge Eastport, Anne Arundel County

*www.eastportyc.org/lights-parade* Magic happens on the water of the

Annapolis Harbor as boats suddenly appear out of the cold winter night illuminated with thousands of colored lights and crewed by jolly revelers. Families and friends gather at their favorite viewing spots along the waterfront to see this yearly spectacle and to celebrate the holiday season together. The Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade is one of Annapolis' signature events and we invite you to join us as a participant.

#### Military Bowl

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium 550 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis Anne Arundel County www.visitannapolis.org/events/annual/ military-bowl

The Military Bowl<sup>®</sup> presented by Northrop Grumman will match a team from the American Atlantic Conference (AAC) against a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

#### **December 5**

Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination Antietam National Battlefield Entrance off Rt 34, Sharpsburg Washington County www.nps.gov/anti 301-733-7373

More than 23,000 candles on the battlefield representing casualties from the bloodiest single-day battle in American history.  $\underline{\&}$ 

#### **December 7-8**

Charles County Holiday Trail Historical sites and arts venues Countywide, Charles County www.charlescountymd.gov/calendar/ charles-county-holiday-trail-6 301-259-2500

Charles County's holiday tradition continu with the Annual Charles County Holiday T This event features Charles County's leg historical sites and art venues. Step ba in time for a historical Christmas, list to carolers in period appropriate clot purchase goods from various local or just enjoy local art. Dates and ti by the site.

#### December 11-13

Christmas in St. Michaels Citywide Throughout town, St. Micha Talbot County https://christmasinstmic/

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Kris Kringle Marke Charles County Fair 8440 Fairgrounds Charles County www.charlesco 301-643-9158

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#### December 26-31

Governor's Challenge Wicomico Youth & Civic Center 500 Glen Ave, Salisbury, Wicomico County www.govchallenge.org

The Governor's Challenge basketball tournament has grown to be the largest holiday basketball tournament in the country. In its 40th year, the Governor's Challenge will bring 120 teams to the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center and surrounding high schools in Salisbury in December 2020. & \$

#### **December 31**

Krumpe's Donut Drop Public Square Downtown Hagerstown 10 Public Square, Hagerstown Washington County http://krumpesdonuts.com/event/ krumpes-donut-drop

Ring in the New Year at 7PM (it's midnight somewhere!). Get free hot chocolate, a world-famous Krumpe's donut, and definitely bring the kids—there is even a play area for them!



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#### Western Maryland Adventure



A natural wonderland, Western Maryland's impressive mountains, deep lakes and engaging communities provide the perfect backdrop for hiking, snow sports, fishing and watersports.

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Its close proximity to Washington, D.C. gives the Maryland Capital Region a cosmopolitan flavor complete with international cuisine, first-rate shopping and a vibrant arts scene.

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Metropolitan sophistication, outdoor adventures, the serenity of the Chesapeake and a world of cultural opportunities are at your fingertips in Central Maryland.

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Unspoiled woodlands meet rolling farmland on the banks of flowing rivers and the iconic Chesapeake Bay in scenic Southern Maryland.

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The breathtaking beauty of Maryland's Eastern Shore towns and waterways is the ideal setting for beach-going, bird-watching and family fun.



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# Maryland's Rolling Paradise to the West

Open for high peaks, dense forests, famous battlefields, calming waters and a vibrant arts scene.

About two hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. or Pittsburgh, trout streams and cool air beckon in the summer; a ski resort and cross-country paths attract visitors in the winter. At any time of year, this region is great for checking out folk and fine art, stocking up on timeless antiques or trying your luck at the casino.

## Eat & Drink: Four Ways to Indulge

## Rewind to an Earlier Time

Step back in time at Englander's Antique Mall in Oakland in the heart of the Deep Creek Lake area. Past the antiques in the back is an old-fashioned soda fountain restaurant serving up home cooking, including biscuits, fried chicken, grilled cheese and savory vegetable soup.

## **2** Refresh with Fresh, Local Eats

Local eggs, hearty wraps and fresh baked goods what more could you need for a day of wine tasting, hiking and biking? Check out the Water Street Café. This casual Friendsville spot will keep you going to the next attraction.



## **3** Relax with Warm Coffee in Hand

In Frostburg, order an oversized latte and a vegetarian sandwich, and pull up a chair next to a study group at the quaint Mountain City Coffee. If it's warm, grab a table outside, back to the stone walls, and watch the scenes on Main Street.

#### Taste Maryland's Most Award-Winning Cheese

Firefly Farms is a cheese lover's paradise. Known for its award-winning goat's milk cheeses, it also offers gourmet delights and an impressive wine selection. Book a wine and cheese tasting for a delicious experience that you won't forget.

#### See & Do: Eleven Authentic Maryland Experiences

## Coast Downhill for Mountain Scenes

The Wisp Ski Resort offers the downhill Mountain Coaster and skiing in winter. In the summer, golf is the name of the game. Take the kids on a chairlift ride to have a look at the mountain scenery. Try your hand at disc golf and soar high above it all on a zipline.

#### 6 Explore New Paths and Streams

Want a boat? From kayaks to white-water rafts, Adventure Sports Center International has a rentable inventory and offers guided instruction at a manmade, mountaintop whitewater park. If you prefer a land-based adventure, activities include hiking, biking, geocaching and rock climbing.

## **7** Experience the Artistry of the Appalachians

The Spruce Forest Artisan Village is home to a community of artists and makers brought together in an idyllic collection of historic Appalachian buildings. Bring home a souvenir or join a workshop to make your own!



Mountain Coaster at WISP Ski Resort, McHenry



Great Allegheny Passage, Cumberland

#### 8 Train's a Coming—So Hop On!

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad is a delight for adults and children alike, as the old-fashioned locomotive winds its way through the mountains near Frostburg. And the sight of the locomotive against the backdrop of fall colors or a leafy mountainside is highly Instagramable.

## Witness a Subterranean Wonder

Discovered more than a century ago, the shimmering stalactites and stalagmites at Grottoes Caverns are something to marvel at while you also enjoy a yearround temperature of 54 degrees within the caverns.

#### Experience Antietam

Gazing out across this vast, green expanse, it's hard to believe the quiet fields of Antietam National Battlefield are the site of the bloodiest day in American history. Called the Battle of Sharpsburg by the Confederacy, Antietam claimed nearly 23,000 casualties in a single day of fighting and put an end to the South's first invasion of the North. Today, Antietam is a place of immense beauty, haunted by the ghosts of those tragic 12 hours.

#### Float the C&O Canal

Once considered the future of transportation, the C&O Canal is now the perfect getaway. The Williamsport Visitors Center offers boat rides from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and the C&O Canal National Historical Park in Cumberland opens a view into the canal's fascinating history.

## Peddle the Great Allegheny Passage

Insiders call it the GAP Trail, whatever you call it, the Great Allegheny Passage is more than 150 miles of adventure. Stretching from Cumberland all the way to Pittsburgh and crossing the Eastern Continental Divide along the way, this reclaimed rail trail is a can'tmiss for cyclists and hikers.

#### B See Brushstrokes Up Close

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts frequently showcases a gallery of local artists. Spend the afternoon strolling among Old Masters and traveling exhibitions.

## Take Yourself Out to the Ball Game

Don't miss a chance to catch the Hagerstown

Suns at historic Municipal Stadium. One of the oldest baseball parks in America, this legendary field has seen more baseball history than you can imagine.

#### **b** It's Your Lucky Day

Rocky Gap Casino Resort offers year-round hiking along its shady trails, great paddling and sailing on the lake, and of course, fantastic gaming. The spa is also top notch, making Rocky Gap a true do-it-all getaway.

#### Places to Stay: Four Ways to Unwind

#### **(b** Family Fun at Jellystone

Go rugged in a campsite or keep the comforts of home in a cabin. Either way, the family will love walking out and finding pools, playgrounds, water parks, miniature golf and laser tag just steps from your home away from home in Hagerstown.



## The Deep Creek Experience



#### Deep Creek Lake, Garrett County

Most Marylanders know the state's largest freshwater lake as a great summer getaway. But Deep Creek Lake, built a century ago and now managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, is a year-round destination. Gorgeous in the fall, the area hosts 65 miles of shoreline for viewing the ambers and yellows reflected in the waters. In winter, cozy up to a roaring fire at one of the charming vacation rentals. Summer is the season for free outdoor concerts, boat rentals, dockside dining and a sweet treat at Lakeside Creamery. And in spring, the golf courses beckon guests to tee off at Thousand Acres and Wisp Resort.

## Seclusion at Savage River

World-class fishing guide Mike Evans at Savage River Outfitters in Swanton will take you fishing. But he also will happily leave you to sweet solitude if you're renting one of his three cottages, each with ample room for families. Sit by the forested banks and enjoy the cool breeze with a good book or rent some gear and give the old casting hand a try. Each place has a grill, too.

#### Find Fantastic Frostburg

The Allegheny Trail House is a great bed and breakfast for cyclists and adventurers of every sort. Large common rooms are perfect for sharing your trail stories, people watching on Main Street is top notch, and the Trail House's legendary breakfasts are the perfect fuel for the road.

#### (D) Treat Yourself at Wisp

The Lodge at Wisp offers not only great skiing, but four seasons of fun. Ski and snowboard? Sure. But also play golf, tackle the ropes course, swim and take a rafting trip or pontoon boat tour.



Hagerstown Premium Outlets

#### Shop: Three Places to Pick Up a Souvenir

#### 20 Bring Home Some Bargains

Just off I-70, Hagerstown Premium Outlets offers great prices and a fun day of shopping name brands, like Banana Republic, Under Armour, Coach and Ann Taylor.

#### Craft Your Own Glassworks

A visit to the Simon Pearce Factory Store and Glassblowing Workshop in the Deep Creek Lake area lets you bring home a one-of-a-kind piece of art—something no one else will have. The workshop sometimes offers classes, so you can create your own masterpieces.

#### 2 Peruse Unique Antiques

The Fort Cumberland Emporium has a little bit of everything, from furniture to collectibles. The shop owners offer "grab bags" of assorted treasures for just \$1.

#### Events: Three Reasons to Mark Your Calendar

#### 23 Del Yeah, it's DelFest!

Now in its 13th year, DelFest has become the biggest and best bluegrass and string jam festival in the world. Founded by the legend Del McCourry of Cumberland, it's three days of music and memories in the mountains.

#### View Autumn in All Its Glory

MSN rated Autumn Glory the "#1 Fall Festival in the World." It's easy to see why, with spectacular colors, a pumpkin festival and the state fiddlers competition.

#### 25 Commemorate Bravery

A truly beautiful tradition, the Annual Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination in early December is something to behold. 23,000 candles, one for each solider killed, injured or missing shine light on these great heroes. You must experience this 5-mile driving tour.



Simon Pearce Factory Store and Glassblowing, Mountain Lake



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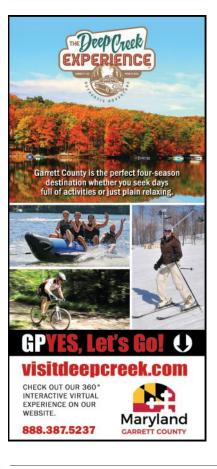


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Del McCoury Band at DelFest, Cumberland

#### Cities & Towns: Three Spots Ready to Be Explored

#### 20 Plan Your Cetaway in McHenry

McHenry is a great small town in itself. A couple of relaxing nights in McHenry will keep you ready for excursions in Maryland's outdoor playground. From here, you can go to Wisp, Deep Creek Lake and Herrington Manor State Park.

#### Stay College Cool in Frostburg

Stroll the scenes of University of Maryland's westernmost campus, and enjoy dining, arts walks, festivals and a farmers' market along its wide main street.



Herrington Manor State Park, Oakland



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#### Dutches at Silver Tree in Oakland Enjoy brunch, lunch or dinner with a side of beautiful views of Deep Creek Lake and the Allegany Mountains at this "Special Occasion" favorite. The crabcake is a consistent favorite and don't forget to try their signature honey butter on freshly baked bread.

#### Baltimore Street Grill in Cumberland

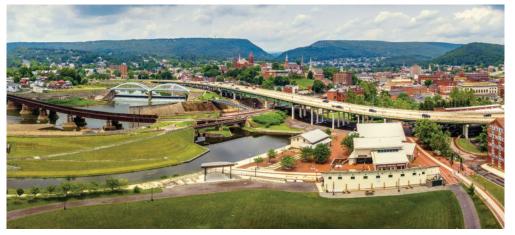
A little taste of New Orleans lives in this cozy local favorite. Sip on a Hurricane while diving into spicy jambalaya or sit out on the patio eating one of the best burgers in town and wash it down with cold craft beer.

#### Hempen Hill BBQ in Hagerstown

BBQ experts rave about this fantastic food find. Pulled pork and smoky chicken wings, crabcakes and ribs fill the menu. Pair them with a sweet potato biscuit and homemade sides like mac and cheese, collard greens and baked beans.



Queen City Creamery and Café, Cumberland

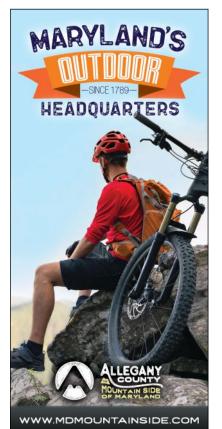


#### Mountain Moods in Cumberland

It's hard to find another city with a view quite like this one. Take in the scene of river valley views— Cumberland sits within a valley created by the junction of the Potomac River and Wills Creek. Don't miss ice cream at the Queen City Creamery and Café as you stroll through town. **\*** 

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Cumberland





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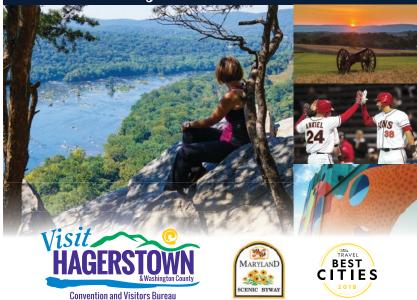


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**CAPITAL REGION** 



# A Memorable Journey Awaits In The Capital Region

Open for delectable dining, thrilling nightlife, captivating national history...all just outside our nation's capital.

BY KASAI RICHARDSON

UNION STATIST

Just outside Washington, D.C., you can go from strapping yourself into the the new Harley Quinn Spinsanity with the family at Six Flags America to antiquing in historic Frederick in the same weekend. Challenge yourself with a hike in the refreshing forest air of Catoctin Mountain Park, hit the links at Maryland National Golf Club, enjoy both the classical and the contemporary at Strathmore Music Center or try your luck and enjoy the luxury dining and accommodations at MGM National Harbor. With so much to choose from, this region stands as a premium destination with a wide variety of travel experiences on offer.

#### Eat & Drink: Five Cosmopolitan Culinary Delights

## **1** Settle in at Dutch's Daughter

If ambiance is as important to you as what's on the menu, Dutch's Daughter is a must-dine experience. A favorite in Frederick, this restaurant serves steaks, crabcakes and vegan and vegetarian options. Relax with patio seating for when it's warm and sunny, or visit Dutch's Dungeon, the most comfortable such-named space you're likely to find, replete with a bar, flat screens and a cigar room.

#### **2** Take a Sip at Waredaca

This spot is more than a brewery: Begun as a camp for youth on farmland in Laytonsville (Camp Waredaca: Washington Recreational Day Camp), Waredaca Brewing Company continues a family tradition started two generations ago. Sip on a White Belgian while admiring the horses and take comfort in the fact that everything Waredaca Brewing Company does is done sustainably and with the environment and land in mind.

#### **3** "Good People Drink Good Beer" at Flying Dog Brewery.

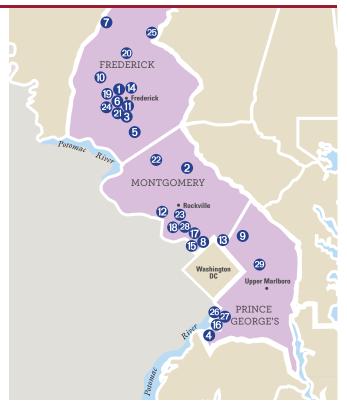
With up to 20 beers on tap, gourmet eats from the Roasthouse Pub Food Truck, including Beer Battered Mac n Cheese Fritters and an events calendar packed with live music and draft releases, Maryland's largest craft brewery is a destination you won't want to miss.

#### 4 Sample Southern Favorites With a Twist at Succotash National Harbor

Named for the corn and bean dish with Native roots that's a Southern staple, James Beard Award nominee Edward Lee's restaurant offers a reverent spin on Southern fare. At this "Inspired Southern Kitchen," the recognizable



Waredaca Brewing Company, Laytonsville



is made sublime (take the collard greens mixed with kimchi for example), and the atmosphere feels just like down home.

## **5** Escape at Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard

Since 2006, Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard has been creating award-winning vintages. Its location at the base of the mountain is not only beautiful, but practical, as it provides a unique microclimate ideal for growing. Enjoy the idyllic scenery as you sample a variety of reds, whites and rosé. Live music on the weekends from April-October makes for an even more delightful escape.

See & Do: Ten Authentic Maryland Experiences

## **O** Catch a Game with the Frederick Keys

For fans who want a familyfriendly, affordable pro baseball experience, the Orioles Class A-affiliate Frederick Keys have you covered. The team's alums include Orioles Stevie Wilkerson and DJ Stewart, and who knows what future star one could catch at bat at a Keys game?

#### Find Adventure at C&O Canal National Historical Park

With 184.5 miles of terrain along the Potomac River, you won't run out of experiences at this National Park. Try a hike up the Billy Coat Trail for a view of Great Falls. Experience a one-of-a-kind boat ride led by a mule. Rock climb at the

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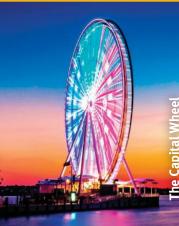
A day at the College Park Aviation Museum, M-NCPPC

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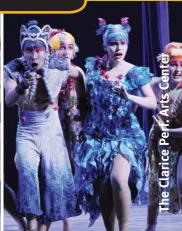
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Frederick Keys Baseball

Carderock Recreation Area. There are trails for horseback riding, biking and even cross country skiing in the winter. And at the end of the day, single-night tent camping is available at more than 30 hiker-biker campsites.

#### Enjoy the Sights and Sounds of the Strathmore, the Fillmore and AFI Silver Theatre

The Strathmore, the Fillmore and AFI Silver Theatre serve as a trinity of some of the best entertainment venues in the country. For film, music and the visual and performing arts, these spaces create unique experiences for fans of everything both classical and contemporary.

#### Go Above and Beyond at NASA Goddard Visitor Center

While many may associate other places with NASA, Goddard Space Center is Maryland's own. Named for Dr. Robert Goddard, the father of modern rocket propulsion, the Visitor Center offers tours and educational exhibits on engineering, earth science and, of course, space exploration. The museum features a solarium, with a video feed of the NASA solar probe's images of the sun's volatile surface. And, see NASA equipment

that's actually been to space, from tools used by astronauts on space walks to actual rockets and rovers.

#### Hit the Links at Maryland National Golf Club

Designed by worldrenowned architect Arthur Hills, Maryland National is laid out over rolling hills, with views of the Catoctin Mountains. The challenging course offers a layout with plenty of variety, and the clubhouse amenities include a pro shop, tavern and corporate meeting space, all with friendly and knowledgeable staff to boot.

#### Connect with the Past

Home to the Mason-Dixon Line and bordering the nation's capital, Maryland played a vital role during the Civil War. Today, Maryland offers visitors experiences to connect with some of

the most pivotal events in American history. See a re-enactment or walk the path of soldiers on six walking trails at The Moncacy National Battlefield, the site of the "Battle that Saved Washington." Learn about the history of medicine, patient care and innovations that helped save lives at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. Visitors can even visit the Surrat House Museum where Lincoln's assassination was plotted.

## Description Experience the Clenstone Museum

Reopened in 2018, this 7,200-square-foot space brings together the aesthetics of art, architecture and landscape with a collection of more than 1,300 pieces.



#### Splashwater Falls at Six Flags America, Upper Marlboro

The Capital Region lets you connect with your wild side in more ways than one. Catoctin Wildlife Preserve in Thurmont is home to macaws, lemurs, leopards and kangaroos alike. Considered a hidden gem, this park prides itself on both its variety of animals and the caring environment they thrive in among the 50 acres of the park.

The preserve's friendly staff helps visitors navigate the park easily, and Catoctin Wildlife Preserve offers more touch-and-feed experiences than any park in the region. It's also the only mid-Atlantic zoo with an escorted safari ride, allowing you to see animals up close and in a setting far more natural than other venues. For those chasing thrills of a different sort, Six Flags America in Upper Marlboro has rides and attractions for both laid-back family fun and adrenaline-pumping, gravity-defying craziness alike. Those not ready to be strapped into highflying serious coasters like the Batwing or the new Firebird Floorless Coaster can enjoy family rides like the Flying Carousel or tour the park on the classic locomotive, Capital Railways.

Little ones can have their fun too with rides for smaller kids and their parents, and the Six Flags water park is the perfect place to cool off in the warmer months.



Glen Echo Park, Montgomery

With post-World War II art at the core of its collection, Glenstone invites visitors to experience the environment of its picturesque campus. A quiet and pensive stroll through the pavilion makes for a world-class experience right here in Maryland.

#### Celebrate African-American Cultural Contributions

The Prince George's African American Museum & Cultural Center offers a diasporic view of African-American history and culture through the lens of Prince George's County's rich traditions. Engaging exhibitions, kid-friendly events and workshops can be found in this cultural hub, whose mission of raising awareness and inspiring community members goes beyond its walls.

#### Be Awed at Weinberg Center for the Arts

Originally opened as the Tivoli in 1926, Downtown Frederick's Weinberg Center for the Arts has featured everything from a silent film series (accompanied by an in-house Wurlitzer) to Neil Gaiman, David Sedaris and a Russian Ballet Theater performance of Swan Lake.

### There's Much to Do in Glen Echo Park

With its distinctive art deco architecture, classic Dentzel carousel, and expansive Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park in Montgomery County has enough to offer to fill an entire weekend. Hike and take in nature along one of the surrounding trails, visit the park's aquarium or take a class in ceramics, painting or photography. Dance classes are also offered. Take a lesson and then dance the night away in the beautiful ballroom.

#### Places to Stay: Five Ways to Unwind

### **(i)** Sit in the Lap of Luxury at MGM National Harbor

Nestled against the Potomac and with convenient access to Washington, D.C. MGM National Harbor is a perfect place to unwind, offering more than 300 wellappointed rooms and worldclass entertainment for a variety of tastes. The 3,000seat theater hosts an array of musicians and performers such as the Temptations, George Lopez and Jill Scott. Treat yourself to the prime rib at *Top Chefs* (and Maryland natives) Bryan and Michael Voltaggio's Voltaggio Brothers Steak House or try your luck at the tables.

### Find Total Relaxation at Bethesda Salt Cave

Descend the staircase into this hidden gem and find an oasis of tranquility amidst the grind of your daily routine. Whether it's massage, acupressure, facials or yoga you fancy for your spa treatment, Bethesda Salt Cave's friendly and experienced staff will guide you through a journey of relaxation and restoration. And yes, there is an actual salt cave to experience.

#### B For Business or Leisure, Enjoy a Stay at Bolger Center

This unique 43-acre campus in Potomac is the perfect setting for a stay on business or a trip to see the sights. With fitness centers, a junior Olympic pool, the Pony Express Bar & Crill and complimentary shuttle service for the surrounding area, Bolger has your stay in the Capital Region covered.

#### Denjoy the Total Frederick Experience at 10 Clarke

Located in a historic area of Frederick, this tranquil, upscale Victorian bed and breakfast is within walking distance of the excitement of downtown Frederick. Spend a quiet morning sipping tea and relaxing on the deck and then hit the town come sundown, with dozens of popular dining and entertainment destinations just a few blocks away.

#### Chill Out at Springfield Manor Winery Distillery Brewery

For the right mix of hip and historic, Springfield Manor offers the perfect setting for both your next event and a laid-back afternoon with friends over cheese and one of Springfield's ten awardwinning varietals. Visit the distillery and brewery for a tour and tasting.



Springfield Manor Winery and Distillery, Frederick

#### Shop: Three Places to Pick up a Souvenir

#### 2) Go Antiquing in Historic Frederick

A town as full of character as it is historic, downtown Frederick boasts an impressive antiquing scene. While thousands descend on the city's 200 or so dealers every weekend, such as Emporium Antiques and Cannon Hill Place, the whole of Frederick County boasts antiques stores with impressive collections from all over the world.

### Shop the Clarksburg and Tanger Outlets

Whether you're looking for new workout gear from Under Armour, searching out that perfect dinner date outfit from Kate Spade or picking up a souvenir for family back home, Clarksburg Premium Outlets and Tanger Outlets offer amazing outdoor shopping experiences with a wide range of brands. Delicious dining options and views of National Harbor are added bonuses.



MGM National Harbor, Oxon Hill







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#### TRIPADVISOR TOP DINING DESTINATIONS IN THE CAPITAL REGION

#### Clyde's Tower Oak in Rockville

"Woodsy and magical" is how patrons describe this unique restaurant. A deep menu filled with locally-sourced ingredients offers something for everyone. Cream of crab soup and double-dipped wings are always a hit, and the pastry chef offers a daily cupcake special. Mayta's Peruvian Food in Frederick Quickly becoming a TripAdvisor favorite,

the chef at Mayta's is known to step out from the kitchen to talk with patrons and make recommendations. Ceviche, empanadas and tres leches cake are among a list of traditional Peruvian fare that's drawing rave reviews.

#### Jerry's Seafood in Bowie

Known for its "crab bomb," a 10-ounce crabcake, all meat, not filler, Jerry's has been pleasing palates for 30 years. Fresh seafood fills the menu. If you like lumps of Maryland Blue Crab, this is your place!

#### 23 Experience Pike & Rose

With a continental, openair market feel, Pike & Rose is more than a shopping destination-it is a completely walkable, all-inclusive experience. It offers a luxury theater with plush recliners, a sophisticated bowling alley complete with a firepit, a farmers' market that brings together 38 vendors, a beach where you can picnic and get your toes sandy while you take a break, and even a rooftop farm that offers seasonal farm memberships. not to mention the more than 40 curated shops and restaurants. With so much to do, you may want to stay the night at the conveniently located Canopy by Hilton.

## Events: Three Reasons to Mark Your Calendar

#### Sample the State's Best at the Maryland Craft Beer Festival

Held each May, the Maryland Craft Beer festival in Frederick is a celebration of the state's booming craft beer scene. 2019's festival saw more than 40 Maryland breweries bring nearly 200 varieties of beer, with live music, food and vendors rounding out the experience. And for those outside the Frederick area, purchasing a BAMBus ticket gets you to and from the festival safely along with VIP access.

#### 25 Find Your Croove at Capital Jazz Fest

"The jazz festival with soul." Every year since 1993 has seen the Capital Jazz Fest bring some of the best soul acts in the world to Maryland. 2019's lineup included Babyface, Cladys Knight and India Arie, among many more. Delicious food, an arts and crafts marketplace and a fantastically fun atmosphere make this a premier summer event.

#### 20 Enter a Winter Wonderland at Caylord National's ICE!

Part of the "Christmas on the Potomac" celebration,



Carrol Creek Urban Park, Frederick

Gaylord National Resort's ICE! is a signature holiday event. This kid-friendly walkthrough attraction is kept at a frigid nine degrees Fahrenheit, but there's a method to the coldness, with magnificent ice sculptures chipped out of two million pounds of ice by world-renowned artists from Harbin, China. But don't worry, parkas are provided.

#### Cities & Towns: Three Spots Ready to be Explored

### Do it all at National Harbor.

Anchored by the MGM National Harbor and the Gaylord National, this waterfront retreat has quickly become a premier destination. Try your luck at the tables. Go on a spending spree at the more than 160 upscale boutiques and specialty shops. Find exactly what you crave at over 40 restaurants. See all that National Harbor has to offer as you soar 180 feet above on the Capital Wheel. This all-in-one destination is perfect for an adult getaway and with signature events and experiences like ICE! and Top Golf it's filled with family fun too.

### Bethesda

This thriving, modern urban district just northwest of Washington derives its name from the Aramaic "beth hesda," meaning "house of mercy." Downtown, you'll find the arts and entertainment district with enough to keep anyone busy for a weekend. Visit the incomparable Music Center at the Strathmore, cart the kids to Cabin John Park, and take your pick from one of the nearly 200 restaurants the town has to offer.

#### 29 Get to Know Bowie

Just miles from Annapolis and close to D.C., what was once a small railroad stop is now Bowie, the largest municipality in Prince George's County. Bowie pays homage to its roots at the Huntington Railroad Museum and that's just the start of things to do in this growing town. Home to Bowie Baysox, an Orioles minor league team, Terrapin Adventures and Six Flags America. it is filled with activities for the kiddos. A growing culinary and arts scene, including the Bowie Center for Performing Arts, offers up adult fun making Bowie a spot to please everyone. 💠

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# Chesapeake Charm and Urban Adventures

Open for sophisticated cities, scenic countryside and some of Maryland's greatest treasures.

BY LYDIA WOOLEVER



With five scenic counties and one large city, Central Maryland features Chesapeake Bay charm—and a "choose your own adventure" experience for any visitor. Whether you're craving arts and culture, food and drink or history and heritage, the state's cultural crossroads have you more than covered.

#### Eat & Drink: Five Urban Palate Pleasers

## **1** Find a Real-Deal Crab House

Some of Maryland's best crab houses are in the Central Region, with no-frills hotspots luring locals and tourists alike for some of the meatiest bites around. Baltimore County is full of such establishments, like decades-old Ocean Pride in Lutherville, Schultz's Crab House and Mr. Bill's Terrace Inn in Essex and Costas Inn in Dundalk. Meanwhile, in Anne Arundel County, Cantler's Riverside Inn boasts a quintessential crab feast setting overlooking a quiet creek in Annapolis. How do you know you're in the right place? Brown-paperwrapped tables, wooden mallets and spicy seafood seasoning-sometimes J.O. Spice, Old Bay or a secret recipe.

## **2** Indulge in Baltimore's Food Boom

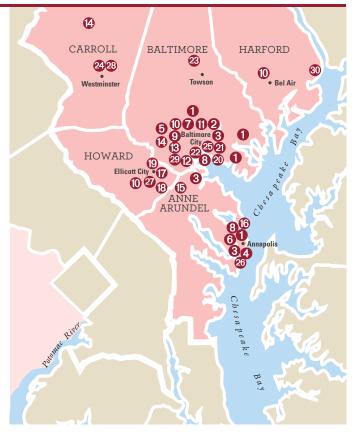
Charm City-a nickname to acknowledge the city's slew of hidden gems-has quickly become one of the hottest food scenes on the East Coast, with rave reviews rolling in as local chefs shine at both chic, cheap eats and fivestar fine-dining experiences. With so many options from freshly caught fish, to exotic Ethiopian to local specialties, it can be hard to decide just how to treat your tastebuds. Lucky for you that Baltimore offers market-inspired food halls, like the newly renovated Cross Street and Broad Street Markets and the modern, eclectic R. House, that let you have it all.

#### B Feast on Farmto-Table Meals

These days, it's easy to eat seasonally and sustainably in Maryland, as many area chefs are supporting local



Chart House, Annapolis



agriculture and hopping on the farm-to-table bandwagon. At restaurants like Foraged in Baltimore, Preserve in Annapolis, Willy's Kitchen in Glen Burnie and Woodberry Kitchen, nearly every ingredient—from meat and dairy to produce and breads—are sourced from within the state.

#### **4** Dine By the Bay

The Annapolis waterfront is an idyllic setting for any meal, with spectacular views and stellar peoplewatching along the state capital's brick-lined streets. Locals love historic pubs along City Dock such as Middleton's Tavern and McGarvey's Saloon for freshshucked oysters and pints of cold beer, or happy hour across Spa Creek at Davis's Pub and Boatyard Bar & Grill in the neighborhood of Eastport. Down the street, Chart House and Carrol's Creek Café also offer more renowned options like crabcakes and rockfish at the water's edge.

#### **Dig Into Barbecue** Along Korean Way

Central Maryland is home to a large Korean community. To get a taste of the authentic Asian cuisine, head to Route 40 for a bevy of mouthwatering barbecue spots. Perhaps most famous is Honey Pig Restaurant in Ellicott City, open 24/7 and always buzzing with energy. Other spots like Shin Chon, also in Ellicott City, and Iron Age in Catonsville are family-friendly favorites for traditional DIY dining experiences with tabletop grills.



Schooner Woodwind

#### See & Do: Seven Authentic Maryland Experiences

## **6** Set Sail on the Chesapeake

With the Chesapeake Bay watershed spanning some 64.000 square miles, it's no surprise that sailing is somewhat of a state sport. In fact, Annapolis just so happens to be the "Sailing Capital of the U.S." Take to the seas yourself aboard the Schooner Woodwind for two-hour cruises past the Naval Academy and along the historic seaport. On land, learn more about maritime history at the Annapolis Maritime Museum or the U.S. Naval Academy Museum. Then take a drive to Baltimore and visit the Living Classrooms Foundation's on-water fun, paddling a Chessie Dragon boat or scooting around in an electric pirate ship!

#### View Acclaimed Art

Baltimore is home to some of the finest art collections on the East Coast, and best of all, many museums offer free admission. The Baltimore Museum of Art, for instance, houses an exceptional array of classic and contemporary work, including pieces by Picasso and Degas, and more than 1,000 works by Matisse (the largest holding of his work in the world!) in the esteemed Cone Collection. The Walters Art Museum features objects from around the globe dating back 7,000 years, like ancient Medieval armor, Grecian sculptures and Egyptian mummies. The American Visionary Art Museum offers one-of-a-kind exhibits, for a small fee, that would make John Waters proud.

#### 8 See the Historic Sites

The Central Region features many a historic landmark from the State House in Annapolis, where the **Continental Congress** signed the Treaty of Paris in 1783, officially ending the Revolutionary War, to Fort McHenry in Baltimore, which protected the city from the British bombardment in the War of 1812 and inspired Francis Scott Key to pen "The Star-Spangled Banner." For a small fee, you can take self-guided tours of these historic landmarks that made American history.

#### **9** Catch a Ballgame

Whatever the time of year, Maryland sports fans show up to support their ball-playing birds in and around Baltimore. In the fall and winter, the M&T Bank Stadium parking lot packs with tailgate parties for Ravens games, while in the spring and summer, Camden Yards fills with friends and families for a quintessential evening with hot dogs, peanuts and cold beers as the Orioles rule the roost. Also, just outside the city, Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen hosts the Ironbirds. The stadium offers family-friendly experiences. Throughout the summer, kids can run the bases, play catch on the field, watch fireworks displays and even meet members of each team-some of whom might one day become Os.



### **Central Region's Waterfront Culture**



Hammerman Area Beach at Gunpowder Falls State Park, Middle River

The Central Region may be home to the state's bustling city centers, but with its prime location running along some 80 miles of the Chesapeake Bay, there is ample maritime culture to soak up during your stay. The waterfront way of life extends beyond the remote, rural region of the Eastern Shore. Quaint watermen's communities are still alive and well from Harford to Anne Arundel counties. For that, seafood eateries abound in both small, scenic towns, like Havre de Grace, Essex and Edgewater, and big cities, like Annapolis and Baltimore, with dockside crab houses hawking the state's trifecta of freshcaught crabs, oysters and rockfish throughout the year. Try to catch these treasures yourself on charter fishing trips, or for more leisurely outings, take to the seas with tours aboard classic sailing vessels or explore on your own with canoe, kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals throughout the region. A host of breathtaking beaches also offer family fun on land all summer long. Spots like Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis and Hammerman Area Beach at Gunpowder Falls State Park in Middle River are great for swimming with sandy shorelines and sweeping views of the Chesapeake, with picnic tables, playgrounds and park programs to boot.



Sagamore Pendry Infinity Pool, Baltimore

#### Experience Equestrian Tradition

Throughout the spring and fall, the sound of hooves fills Maryland's horse country as one of the state's greatest equine traditions takes to local farmland, much as it has for the past hundred years. From April through May and again in September and October, cross-country steeplechase races and equestrian events take place across Baltimore. Howard and Harford counties, with the region's top riders competing across fields and over timber fences. Be sure to arrive early for the epic tailgate parties.

### Discover Maryland Legends and Legacies

Sign up for the Legends and Legacies Heritage Pass online at Balitmore.org and celebrate the lives of Marylanders who changed the course of American history. The pass provides discounted entry to three of Baltimore's most popular attractions honoring African-American history and culture—The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture and the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park Museum in addition to other deals.

## Make Friends with the Animals

The Central Region claims two of the top ways to experience the animal kingdom in the mid-Atlantic-the renowned National Aquarium and Maryland Zoo, both located in Baltimore. At these family-friendly institutions, kids get an up-close look at everything from sharks and jellyfish to giraffes and penguins through worldclass exhibits. Both even host slumber parties for bedtime stories beside the wildlife.

#### Places to Stay: Five Ways to Unwind

#### B Enjoy Flights of Fancy

A growing group of haute hotels have popped up across Baltimore. The Sagamore Pendry is the

place for swanky sleeps along the waterfront, with this industrial-chic space featuring stunning suites and an Instagram-worthy waterfront infinity pool. Meanwhile, The Ivy Hotel in the central neighborhood of Mt. Vernon reimagines a historic mansion with an on-site spa, verdant courtyard and a five-star restaurant. A few blocks away, the Hotel Revival also touts trendy décor and panoramic views over the city's own (and the

country's first) Washington Monument at a more affordable price.

#### Find True Romance

Seeking a romantic getaway? The sprawling 19th-century estate of Antrim 1844 feels like a world away in Taneytown, with elegant guest rooms, grand porches and English rose gardens for morning strolls. In addition to the main mansion, more than 30 other gorgeous guest rooms make this Carroll County retreat a fitting respite for the entire family.

### See What's Happening in Hanover

In upper Anne Arundel County, Hanover has two hip new hotels located close to BWI Airport. After a night of cards. cocktails and concerts at the Maryland Live! Casino, revelers can rest easy upstairs at the Live! Hotel where modern furnishings meet pillow-top mattresses with a luxe spa and salon on premises. For something more serene, the Hotel Arundel Preserve offers an eco-friendly option with an indoor pool and stylish amenities. Both are within close proximity to the Arundel Mills-the largest mall in the state-which also sports a Medieval Times.



Maryland Live! Casino, Hanover



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Artscape, Baltimore

#### **(b** Escape to the Harbor

The Annapolis Waterfront Hotel captures the nautical essence of the state capital. Waterfront views? Check, with balconies looking out over the bobbing harbor. Sailor theme? Check, check, with each charming suite decked in blue-and-white stripes with anchor-stitched pillows. Guests can even arrive by boat—overnight dock slips are available.

#### Experience Living History

Dating back to the early 1700s, The Wayside Inn in Ellicott City is not just a cozy accommodation in the heart of Howard County but also a historic site steeped in local lore. It's been said that both General George Washington and John Quincy Adams stayed in this elegant fieldstone lodging. Today, stately rooms are studded with old-world charms such as canopied beds, woodburning fireplaces and antique decor.

#### Shop: Three Places to Pick Up a Souvenir

### B Stroll the Shops of Savage Mill

It's easy to find souvenirs while strolling through this historic former cotton mill filled with goodies by local artisans in Savage. More than two dozen storefronts feature everything from fine art and antiques to custom jewelry, while locallyowned restaurants, like Bonaparte-Rustig Bakery and Rams Head Tavern, offer homegrown food and drink. Admire the beautiful brick building that dates back more than 200 years.

#### Chic Boutiques in Old Ellicott City

After two recent major floods, many of the small businesses of this eclectic downtown in Howard County continue to carry on the shopping district's strong community feel through a diverse mix of boutiques, restaurants and bars. Shop fine furniture at Su Casa, cute clothing at Primitive Beginnings and crave-worthy confections at the Sweet Cascades Chocolatier.

#### High Fashion in Harbor East

Fashionistas flock to the luxury shopping district of Harbor East on the Baltimore waterfront for high-end brands like Anthropologie, Brooks Brothers, Warby Parker and the city's own Under Armour in a glitzy urban setting. Treat yourself to a signature massage at the Four Seasons Spa, then grab a unique gift for your loved ones at the locally-owned Curiosity shop.

#### Events: Five Reasons to Mark Your Calendar

## **2** Grab Some Popcorn for the Maryland Film Festival

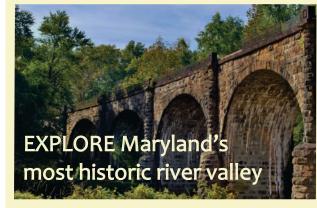
Every May, this cinema celebration draws movie lovers from near and far for five days of film screenings, panel discussions and one special flick picked by iconic Maryland auteur John Waters. In Baltimore's Station North Arts & Entertainment District, see the creator of Pink Flamingos in the flesh and admire the rebirth of the historic Parkway Theater.

## Celebrate Arts for All at Artscape

The country's largest free arts festival just so happens to hail from Maryland, as every July, thousands of attendees gather in the Station North Arts & Entertainment District of Baltimore for one full weekend of music, dance, theater and more. During this quirky annual tradition, browse or buy local artworks, hear headlining musicians across multiple stages and snap a selfie with one of the decked-out "art cars" that line North Charles Street.

### 3 Ride the Ferris Wheel at the Maryland State Fair

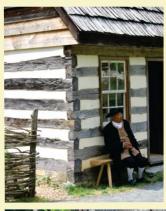
There are few more quintessential end of summer experiences than a trip to the Maryland State Fair. Looking for live animals? Blue-ribbon-winning livestock are on display throughout the Cow Palace. Fiending for fried food? Vendors hawk classics such as corn dogs, cotton candy and caramel apples. Craving the adrenaline rush of a carnival ride? Soak up the end of summer from the top of the Ferris wheel.



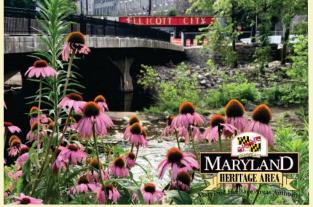


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#### Toast Local "Vinos" During the Maryland Wine Festival

In late September, the wine overfloweth as thousands gather for a weekend of tastings, art and music at the bucolic Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster. To celebrate the state's growing world of wine, there will be more than 150 vintages from 25 local vineyards, as well as a Maryland-made cheese pavilion for soaking it all up.

#### See Brilliant Baltimore Festivals

Light City is a festival of light, music and innovation that takes over Baltimore in early November for 10 days of luminous art installations and events. Recently expanded, this free festival is combined with the Baltimore Book Festival, creating a truly "enlightening" experience! Hear talks from some of the country's brightest minds during the weeklong Lab speaker series and expand your own imagination with book readings, signings and panel discussions. At night, see the main event as the Inner Harbor and its surrounding neighborhoods are illuminated in an array of colors, sights and sounds.

#### Cities & Towns: Five Spots Ready to be Explored

#### 26 Enjoy a Historic Getaway in Annapolis

Founded in 1649 and once known as the "Athens of America," the Colonial city of Annapolis has a rich heritage revered by U.S. history buffs. Visitors can easily explore this walkable state capital to view historic homes, shop local businesses and sate their hunger and thirst at old-school pubs selling traditional Chesapeake fare. Just be sure to spend time around the historic seaport and sparkling harbor to see the city's iconic sailboats and nautical charms.



Concord Point Lighthouse, Havre de Grace

#### Appreciate Eclectic Ellicott City

This Howard County community is a Maryland treasure for the eclectic mix of small businesses, restaurants and residents of its historic, quaint downtown. Along Main Street, stop into locallyowned boutiques, learn about the region's transportation history at the B&O Railroad Museum and sip on house-made beers at Manor Hill Tavern. Just up the river, Patapsco State Park offers a range of hiking trails for outdoor enthusiasts.

#### Breathe the Fresh Country Air in Westminster

Nestled between the hills of farmland and horse country in the rural heart of Carroll County, Westminster is a welcome getaway from the hubbub of city or suburban life. Pick apples at Baugher's Orchard, visit farm animals at the Carroll County Farm Museum and meander through the peaceful downtown's tree-lined streets for cozy restaurants and town parks perfect for family picnics. In the fall, corn mazes cover the countryside, the Maryland Microbrewery Festival pours local beers at the Union Mills Homestead and McDaniel College draws crowds for fan-favorite football games.

## 29 Experience the Charm of Baltimore

Named a top place to visit by *The New York Times* in 2018, Charm City continues to live up to its nickname with a unique mix of smalltown hospitality and big-city sophistication. It's easy to fall for the state's cultural epicenter thanks to its acclaimed art museums, renowned restaurants, historical landmarks and dazzling Inner Harbor. Come for a day trip or for a longer stay as new luxurious hotels make it even harder to leave.

### Blast to the Past in Havre de Grace

Located at the mouth of the Susquehanna River, Havre de Grace is a Chesapeake Bay hidden gem, with a charming downtown, waterfront restaurants and museums dedicated to the region's maritime history. Get a taste of how Harford County's rural communities used to live circa 1900 at the Steppingstone Farm Museum, where a preserved farmhouse showcases old farm tools and traditions. and at the Concord Point Lighthouse, which was constructed in 1827 and boasts epic views over the top of the bay. 💠







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#### Royal Taj in Columbia

Diners rave about the excellent service and authentic Indian dishes including Chicken Mango Curry, Shrimp Vindaloo, Chana Masala, samosas, naan and outof-this-world chocolate layer cake. They even have a lunch buffet.

#### 7West Bistro Grille in Towson

7West serves Mediterranean-inspired entrees alongside local favorites. Guests can't get enough of the "melt in your mouth" lamb chops, Chesapeake Chicken and crabcakes. If you are in the area, don't miss happy hour from 3pm-7pm with half-price tapas.

#### The Vineyard Wine Bar in Havre De Grace

The only thing better than the restaurant's extensive wine list is the knowledgeable staff who can help you choose the perfect wine to pair with a great meal. Also try creative cuisine such as Venison Bistro Filet.

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#### Eat & Drink: Three Ways to Savor the Local Flavor

#### **1** Time for Happy Hour at the Beach

The mood is conversational where wine enthusiasts gather for personalized daily tastings and retail sales of old and new world varietals at Bay Wine & Spirits, located just off the boardwalk in North Beach.

#### **2** Savor Fresh Seafood on the Water

Zahniser's Dry Dock marinaside restaurant is always a class act, from the tasty Maryland crab soup to the peaceful water views. Enjoy the view of sailboats and yachts in Solomons Harbor while dining on fresh fish and sinfully rich desserts.

## **3** Dine & Unwind at The Front Porch

The Front Porch inside the Sterling House hosts an intimate, relaxed restaurant that serves up Southern coastal cuisine in historic downtown Leonardtown. Local burgers, fried chicken dinners, pork belly BLTs, more than 40 wines, boutique beers and traditional cocktails are just some of the offerings found within this quaint building dating back to the 1850s.

#### See & Do: Thirteen Authentic Maryland Experiences

### **4** Visit the State's First Capital

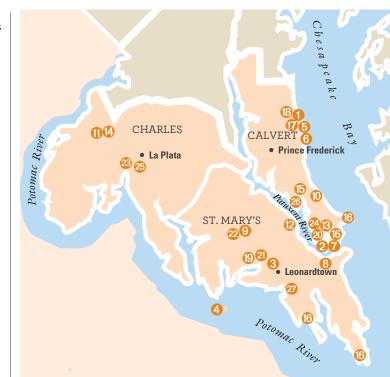
Way back in 1633, colonists set sail on the *Ark and Dove* from the Isle of Wight before landing at Old Point Comfort then St. Clement's Island. Historic St. Mary's City was then named Maryland's first capital. Today, visit the town's Woodland Indian hamlet to learn about the early days in St. Mary's City.

#### **5** Stroll through Classic Bay Scenery

Take a leisurely self-guided tour on the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, a milelong coastline boardwalk through the Town of Chesapeake Beach that begins at the Railway Museum and concludes at Bayfront Park. All sorts of wildlife and waterfowl can be seen as you take in the classic



The Front Porch, Leonardtown



#### bay scenery along the trail.

## **6** Choose a Boat from the Fishing Fleet

The "Charter Boat Row" at the Rod 'N' Reel Resort has been referred to as the "charter fishing capital of Maryland" since 1946. You can reel in rockfish, blue fish and Spanish mackerel on trolling tours with baited lines and lures drawn from the back of boats in motion, or use weighted lines to bottom-fish for white perch and croaker.

## Hang with Otters at the Marine Museum

The Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons Island explains and interprets the physical history of Southern Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay with a hands-on, interactive experience and popular river otter exhibit. These adorable river otters are sure to please, and if you'd like to see them before meeting them in person, check out the live Otter Cams. The museum's annual Sharkfest takes place on the second Saturday in July, and boat cruises depart daily from the museum's own dock.

## 8 Touch Down at NAS Pax River

Learn ongoing naval aviation history and how the U.S. Navy established its flight test center at Patuxent River Naval Air Station Museum in Lexington Park. Artifacts, photographs, film and memorabilia tell the story. View two dozen naval aircraft on display and test an F-14 Tomcat flight simulator.

## **9** Ain't No Drag at the Racetrack

Thrill at the sights and sounds of the world's fastest sport at the Maryland International Raceway. You'll want to bring your earplugs for the various motor sports



Historic St. Mary's City

drag racing events held on the tracks of Mechanicsville from March to November.

### Walk Along Secluded Shores

A great place for history buffs and nature lovers alike. Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum in St. Leonard is home to a small, secluded shore and 65 archaeological sites (as well as an "FAQ Archaeology" interactive experience in the visitors center). Visitors find plenty to explore at a nearby reconstructed Native American village and coastal trails. See the Patterson Estate built in Colonial Revival style.

#### **1** Big League Dreams

The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs play 70 home games from late April through September at Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf. Dozens of aspiring major leaguers and major league alumni once honed their skills in the Atlantic League with eight teams located along the mid-Atlantic seaboard.

## **D** Uncover Plantation Living

A Tidewater plantation, historic Sotterley Plantation dates back to 1699. The former tobacco plantation is now a 95-acre National Historic Landmark dedicated to research, preservation and an interpretation of early American plantation life. UNESCO has designated the plantation as one of 31 Middle Passage arrivals locations in the U.S.

## **(B)** Wander Whimsical Woods & Galleries

Combining art and nature, the Smithsonian affiliate Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center features 30 acres of forests, fields and meadows and paved walking and bike paths adorned with a vast collection of outdoor sculptures as well as gallery Look Out exhibits.

#### Follow the Trail of the Assassin John Wilkes Booth

The Dr. Samuel Mudd House & Museum in Waldorf and The Surratt House Museum in Clinton are stops on one of five Civil War Trails. They offer a fascinating look into the conspiracy to kill President Abraham Lincoln, the assassin John Wilkes Booth and the largest manhunt in American history.

#### **5** Seek Tranquil Nature Scenes

For those seeking solitude in a natural setting, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary offers a nature center viewing room where kids can get up close to small indigenous animals, as well as short trails on the boardwalks through swamps and meadows. See an albino snapping turtle, a red-tailed hawk, a barred owl and butterflies floating about this tranguil setting.

### Look Out for the Lighthouses

Take a Southern Maryland lighthouse tour from Cove Point to Drum Point to Piney Point and Point Lookout. Plan ahead and book a night at Cove Point Lighthouse for a true nautical memory.

#### SPOTLIGHT

### Heritage with a View



Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, St. Leonard

Secluded shores and stunning sunsets over the Patuxent River call from Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. Public archaeological digs at this 17th-century tobacco farm as well as a Native American village museum with reconstructed dwellings blend a mix of history that stretches from the indigenous people all the way to Colonial, early American and 20thcentury life.

The open and lush, green natural space presents a picturesque setting for public and

private events throughout the year with scenic trails for wandering, old cabins and ruins. Quiet beaches provide a calm place to retreat, while fishing spots and kayaking lend leisure time along the shore.

Check the calendar of events for children's activities and yearly traditions, such as the Halloween Festival and haunted barn in October, along with the acclaimed Southern Maryland Celtic Festival and Highland Games competition in April.



Westlawn Inn, North Beach



Rod 'N' Reel Resort, Chesapeake Beach

#### Places to Stay: Two Ways to Unwind

#### Stay at Rod 'N' Reel Resort

Chesapeake Beach's premier luxury property offers 72 nautically-appointed rooms with balconies overlooking the bay. Don't miss a meal at the Rod 'N' Reel restaurant, shop the boardwalk promenade, drop the kids at the arcade and enjoy the rooftop pool and bar.

### B Stay Awhile in Luxurious Settings

The Guest Quarters at the Westlawn Inn is a five-unit 1930s boutique-style hotel. This family-owned and operated hotel features two self-contained, condo-style apartments available for short or longterm stays as well as a whole list of amenities, from casual upscale dining to live entertainment.

#### Cities & Towns: Two Places Ready to be Explored

#### () Find the Essentials– Arts, Crafts & Wine in Leonardtown

Leonardtown, Southern Maryland's premier Arts & Entertainment District, is home to the St. Mary's Arts Council, dozens of galleries and studios, distinct artsy and craftsy retail shopping and dining. By the banks of the Potomac River, Newtowne Neck State Park presents a paddleboarder's paradise on Breton Bay and ample opportunities for hiking, biking, bird-watching and hunting. Leonardtown's Wharf Park provides the perfect vista for taking in the region's signature sunsets on the bay.

### **20** Spending Time on Solomons Island

Where the mouth of the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay, Solomons Island has evolved from early-17th-century settlements into one of the state's top tourism



Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

destinations—the town's maritime history has been woven into the fabric of its allure. Climb the lighthouse tower at the Calvert Marine Museum, take a cruise on the harbor or charter a fishing boat. The craft beer craze has also found its way to the Island at the Ruddy Duck microbrewery located in the neighboring Dowell Township.

#### Shop: Four Places to Pick Up a Souvenir

#### 2) Shop, Sip and See Eclectic Renaissance at Shepherd's Old Field Market

"SOF" as coined by the locals can be found just off Leonardtown Square in the historic Leonardtown Building Supply. Step through the original wood garage doors and into a fully renovated marketplace that is home to more than 40 different 'storefronts.' Make a day of it with a bite at the Botanic Coffee Shop & Deli, or with a visit to the Brudergarten Beer Garden, where you can sample local brews. Pups are welcome too!

#### 2 Amish Tradition Meets Modern Delights

St. Mary's County is home to Maryland's largest Amish

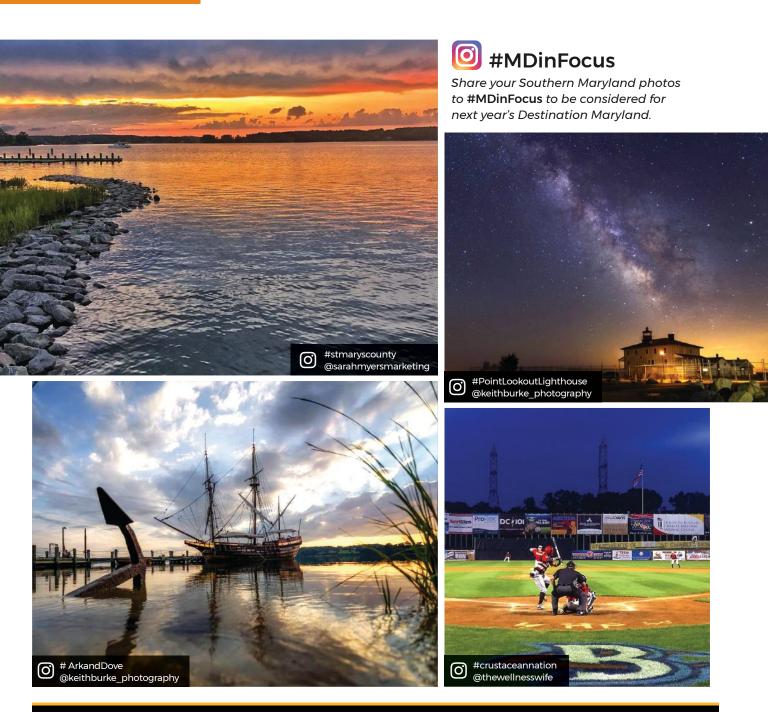
community and its scenic back roads are filled with Amish-run shops and farmers' markets. From Loveville Leather and Produce Auction to the Clover Hill Dairy and Kurtz's Cabinet Shop & Variety Store, you'll find handcrafted treasures, fresh produce and meats and homemade treats and gifts.

#### 23 53 Custom Tattoo and Art Studio Redefines the Tattoo Shop

Forget everything you know about tattoo shops when you visit this new studio concept. A group of all female



Leonardtown Art Center



#### TRIPADVISOR TOP DINING DESTINATIONS IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND

#### Kim's Key Lime Pie and Lotus Kitchen in Solomons

What looks like a charming white house surrounded by a white picket fence and lush greenery is actually one of the area's top-rated restaurants. Guests can sit on an outdoor deck under a majestic oak tree as they dine on homemade muffins, pierogi casserole and Kim's famous key lime pie.

#### The Ruddy Duck Seafood and Alehouse in Piney Point

If you are looking for dinner with a view, seasonal craft brews and innovative daily specials, you've found it. Dock your boat right outside this St. George's Island favorite and settle in for house favorites such as clam dip, fisherman's stew and some of the best crabcakes around.

#### Marie's Diner in La Plata

How do you take a classic and make it world-class? Start from scratch, then top it with blue cheese and caramelized onions like they do at Marie's Diner. Home cooking at its finest, this diner is known for the best breakfast in town and its menu is filled with classics like ultimate grilled cheese and meatloaf.



Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Dowell

artists showcase their tattoo talents while surrounded by a rotating art gallery featuring work by local artists. Whether you are looking for an original piece of art for your arm or to hang on your wall, this oneof-a kind shop is something you won't soon forget.

### Step Back in Time at Grandmother's Store

The waterfront is loaded with charm, and Grandmother's Store on Dowell Road is no exception. Family-owned for more than 100 years, it is the perfect place to take in some history while you shop for antiques and gifts. A true treasure trove, you never know what you'll find, but you are certain to have fun browsing the ever-changing inventory.

## Events: Three Reasons to Mark Your Calendar

#### 25 Get Your Art On

The 27th annual ArtsFest La Plata—the largest arts festival in Southern Maryland with more than 60 artists, vendors, food booths and live entertainment—is scheduled for the second Saturday each June on the scenic grounds of the La Plata Town Hall in Charles County's La Plata.

#### Balloon for a Bird's-Eye Vantage Point of the Patuxent

Southern Maryland Balloon Festival presents an amazing vantage point of Jefferson Patterson Park. By day, delight in music, balloon rides, KIDZONE inflatables and local vendors, or watch the balloons glow and fireworks displays by night.

#### Have Fun on the Half Shell at the U.S.Oyster Festival

The annual U.S. Oyster Festival is a must for seafood lovers. Experience Southern Maryland oyster culture along with the crowning of King Oyster and the national shucking championships on the third weekend in October. And did we mention the seafood?  $\Leftrightarrow$ 



Drum Point Lighthouse, Solomons





# Dream Along the Eastern Shore

Open for iconic towns, beaches for sinking toes in the sand and culinary delights with treasures straight from the bay and the Atlantic.

With its lush, wide farm vistas laced with meandering rivers and dotted with warm, welcoming waterfront towns, the Eastern Shore is one truly unique American destination. Touch the water, taste the flavors, meet the people and experience a life and a place like no other.

#### Eat & Drink: Five Ways to Get a Taste of the Shore

#### **1** Taste the Chesapeake

No trip to the Eastern Shore is complete without a sampling of the bay's bounty. Red hot, spicy steamed crabs fresh out of the pot make for an unforgettable, only-in-Maryland feast. Just make sure to ask a local to show you the ropes because picking crabs is an art form all its own.

#### **2** Dig into Crabcakes

If you've had a crabcake but have never been to Maryland, well, you've never had a crabcake. And on the shore, crabcake bragging rights are a hard-earned honor.

## **B** Delight in Local Delicacies

Indulge in decadent Crab Imperial-stuffed shrimp at Captain's Table in Ocean City, a favorite of tourists and locals for more than 40 years; or try the legendary soft crabs at the Bayside Inn Restaurant on Smith Island. Just make sure you save room for the densely layered and life-changingly delicious Smith Island Cake.

#### **4** Always Try the Oysters

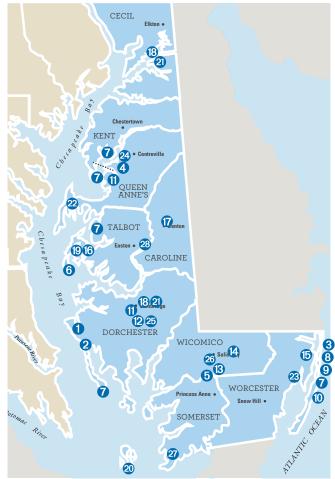
Don't miss Chesapeake oysters—fried, steamed, raw or in a stew. Try signature Baked Oysters at Hemingway's Restaurant, just over the Bay Bridge in Stevensville; stuffed with bacon, crab, spinach and cheese, they are a true delight.

## Cheers to the Beer Selection

The Shore has become one of the nation's leading locations for iconic craft beers. Evolution Craft Brewing (EVO) in Salisbury may be the granddaddy of them all, but that hasn't stopped them from innovating. Lot #6 Double IPA is a hop lover's dream, and the Pine'hop'le IPA is an amazing tropical take on a classic.



Deal Island Skipjack Race



#### See & Do: Thirteen Authentic Maryland Experiences

#### **6** Set Sail on a Skipjack

Go for a sail on a historic skipjack, Maryland's state boat, such as the *Rebecca T*. *Ruark*. She's been oystering on the Chesapeake for 122 years, making her the oldest skipjack in the fleet. Skipjacks are known for their sleek, white hulls and tall, broad sails. The races off Deal Island during the annual Labor Day weekend Skipjack Festival are a unique opportunity to see the whole fleet under sail.

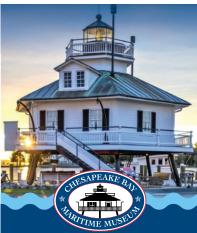
#### **7** Charter a Fishing Boat

Head out on a fishing charter. There's no better way to get in touch with the bay than a day on a Chesapeake Bay deadrise with a captain who knows the waters; cast a line out over a school of big, beautiful rockfish, and bring home supper and a story.

## 8 Reach the Dreamy Beach

For generations, people have made the scenic trip across the Eastern Shore to Ocean City, the quintessential American beach town. Plunge into the cool waters of the Atlantic and body surf the waves. Take an evening stroll and spot some of Ocean City's famous sand sculptures.

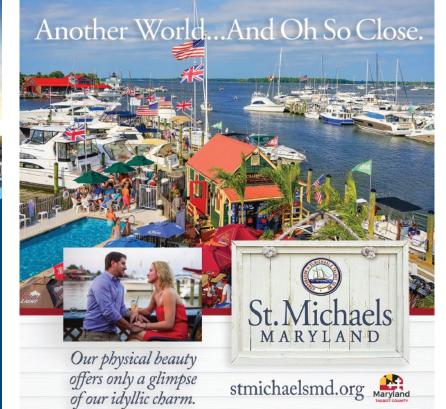




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Assateague Island National Seashore

## **9** Indulge at the Boardwalk

Stroll the white, sandy beach all day and walk the iconic boardwalk by night in Ocean City. Take a spin on the carousel at Trimper's Rides, built in 1912. Or scream your head off on the thrilling AquaLoop at Jolly Roger Splash Mountain.

## O Where Wild Horses Roam

Maybe your summer means a visit to the pristine beaches of Assateague Island National Seashore and State Park. Camp by the dunes and wake to the hoof beats of wild horses on the sand accompanied by the crash of waves and gulls calling overhead. It truly is a magical place.

#### Trace American Heroes

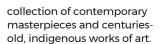
Birthplace of American icons of freedom Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, Maryland's Eastern Shore is deeply rooted in American history. Follow the Frederick Douglass Driving Tour and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway and walk in the footsteps of two of America's inspiring freedom fighters.

## Dunearth the Story of Freedom

Visit the Bucktown Village Store near Cambridge and place your feet on the same boards where Harriet Tubman made her first, valiant stance for freedom, or take in the new Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center. Surrounded by the unimaginably beautiful Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, the museum offers an intense and intimate window into the life of one of America's greatest heroes.

#### Brind Art Inspired by Nature

The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury captures the craft and artistry of decoy carving with a



#### 4 Go Wild at the Zoo

Capture a closeup of animals from near and far at Salisbury Zoo in Salisbury and Plumpton Park Zoo in Rising Sun. Kids love watching the wild peacocks roam, meeting Jimmy the giraffe and handfeeding alpacas.

### **(b)** Spend a Day at the Races

On your mark, get set, go... to the races! Ocean Downs in Worcester County was built in the 1940s as a harness racetrack, and with the bonus of an onsite casino, it remains a bustling place to watch the horses take off down the track, place your bets or explore slots and table games.



### **Board a Historic Ferry**



Oxford-Bellevue Ferry

The Eastern Shore is defined by the Chesapeake, and to really experience it, you need to get out on the water. Take to the water with America's oldest privately-owned ferry route. With views of the water like no other place, it is a great way to leave the land. Founded in 1683, the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry has been carrying travelers across the beautiful Tred Avon River for 335 years. The White Haven Ferry is more of a newcomer. It's only been taking the trip across the Wicomico River since 1687, making it 89 years older than the United States!

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The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES), Denton

# Meet the People & Experience Bay Traditions

The romance of this region comes from its people and their traditions. The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, home of the iconic Hooper Strait Lighthouse and a working shipyard, is where the bay tradition of wooden boat making lives on.

## Piece the Past Together

The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES) in Denton displays the history of the Chesapeake captured in quilts. With a museum, classes and resources for fiber artists, FACES is a working home for the continuation of the Eastern Shore's quilting tradition.

## B Learn What a "Real Ale" Is

RAR Brewing in Cambridge has made a big name for themselves already. Their dedication to "Real Ales" cask-conditioned and as old-school as it gets—sets them apart. The brewery in beautiful, walkable downtown Cambridge is a must-stop.

#### Places to Stay: A Way to Unwind

(9) Make Yourself at Home Slow the pace for leisure days and pampering in luxurious settings with the Inn at Perry Cabin resort and spa in St. Michaels. From recreational amenities, like boating and golfing, to warm, welcoming service and beautiful water views, time along the Miles River is quiet and well spent.



National Hard Crab Derby, Crisfield



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# Cities & Towns: Three Spots Ready to be Explored

# Discover Iconic Bay Towns

Take the Ferry from Crisfield to Smith Island, a working waterman's enclave in the heart of the Chesapeake. Peruse the boutiques and cafés of St. Michaels. Paddle out from the center of downtown Chestertown or watch the Colonial Tea Party Festival take to the streets like it's 1774.

# 2 Unwind at the Shore

Set sail out of Chesapeake City or picnic in waterfront Sailwinds Park in Cambridge. These iconic Eastern Shore towns are each a world of their own, but they all share two things: the waters of Chesapeake Bay and the welcoming spirit of the shore.

# Drink Down a Local Favorite

No one takes vodka more seriously than the Cook Brothers—Jon and Chris, founders of Blackwater Distilling in Stevensville. Their Sloop Betty Vodka has become a regional favorite, so sample it on the distillery tour or in a refreshing Orange Crush served dockside at the Big Owl Tiki Bar in Kent Narrows.

# Shop: Three Places to Pick Up a Souvenir

# Big in Charm

Recognized by a USA Today poll as one of the "10 Best Small Towns for Shopping," Berlin, Maryland is one of the Eastern Shore's many hidden gems. Its idyllic Main Street is lined with locally-owned shops. Well known for gifts, antiques and jewelry, it is easy to spend a day exploring more than 50 retail shops and galleries. Stop by the 2nd Friday of the month for an Art Stroll that features vendors. performances, pageants and more.

# A Shop Your Heart's Desire at Queenstown Outlets

Located just 10 miles east of the Bay Bridge on the route to the Eastern Shore and Ocean City, Queenstown Premium Outlets is destination shopping at its best. You'll find more than 65 select outlet stores, including Under Armour, J. Crew, Polo Ralph Lauren, Nike and much more. Feel free to shop til you drop shop and stay packages at nearby hotels are available.

# Bring the Eastern Shore Home with You.

Since 1970, the staff at Bay Country Shop in Cambridge has welcomed shoppers to explore its one-of-akind Eastern Shore gifts. Stop in and you'll find local artwork, books, and handembroidered, timeless clothing and home décor items, including handcrafted decoys—all that capture the essence of the waterfront charm and maritime heritage that is the Eastern Shore.



Blackwater Distilling, Stevensville



Evolution Craft Brewing (EVO), Salisbury



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# **©** TRIPADVISOR TOP DINING DESTINATIONS IN THE EASTERN SHORE

# **Out of the Fire in Easton**

More than good food, this favorite is into doing good too. Committed to sustainability and positively enhancing the community, Out of the Fire serves up creative brick oven pizzas, scallop ceviche and Posole Rojo all made with locally sourced, organic ingredients.

# Luisa's Cucina Italiana in Chestertown

When locals can't stop recommending a spot, you know you've got to try it. Generous portions of traditional Italian favorites like penne caprese, lasagna and pizza, as well as a selection of house-made desserts, make this the perfect spot for a family night out.

## **Bistro Poplar in Cambridge**

This top pick serves up "modern bistro fare with a tapas twist." According to one diner that means "Consistently perfect" and "Outstanding!" At this downtown Cambridge hot spot everything is meant to be shared: including tapas dishes like lamb chops and lemongrass meatballs.









National Folk Festival, Salisbury

# Events: Three Reasons to Mark Your Calendar

# 26 Don't Miss an American Tradition

Witness the musical soul and cultural roots of America come to life at the National Folk Festival. Heritage is the highlight at one of the longest-running celebrations of the arts with three days of strumming, toe-tapping and storytelling fun, all free, each fall in Salisbury.

# 27 Experience the Crab Capital

Embark on a crab-eating expedition at the National

Hard Crab Derby in Crisfield and find out why it's called the "Crab Capital of the World." This crab-themed Labor Day festival is served alongside a lineup of crab races and cooking—and good eatin'.

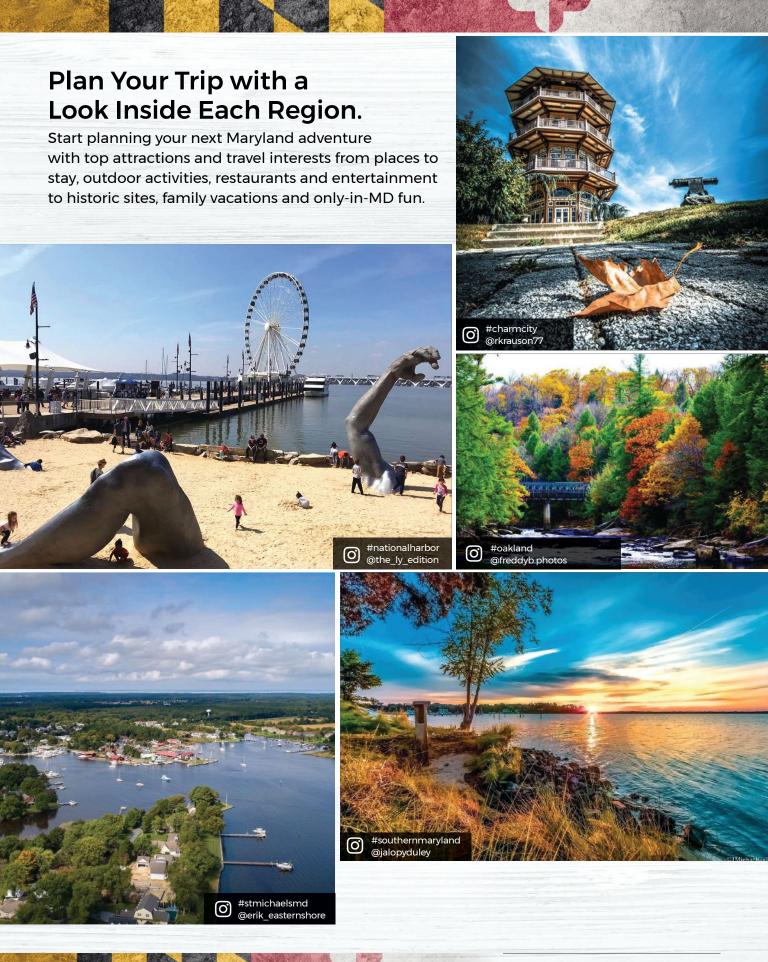
# **28** Try One for the Birds

Watch an entire community come together for the Waterfowl Festival in the beautiful town of Easton. This Shore-style event in November celebrates the traditions of the Chesapeake and wildlife art while supporting conservation efforts. �



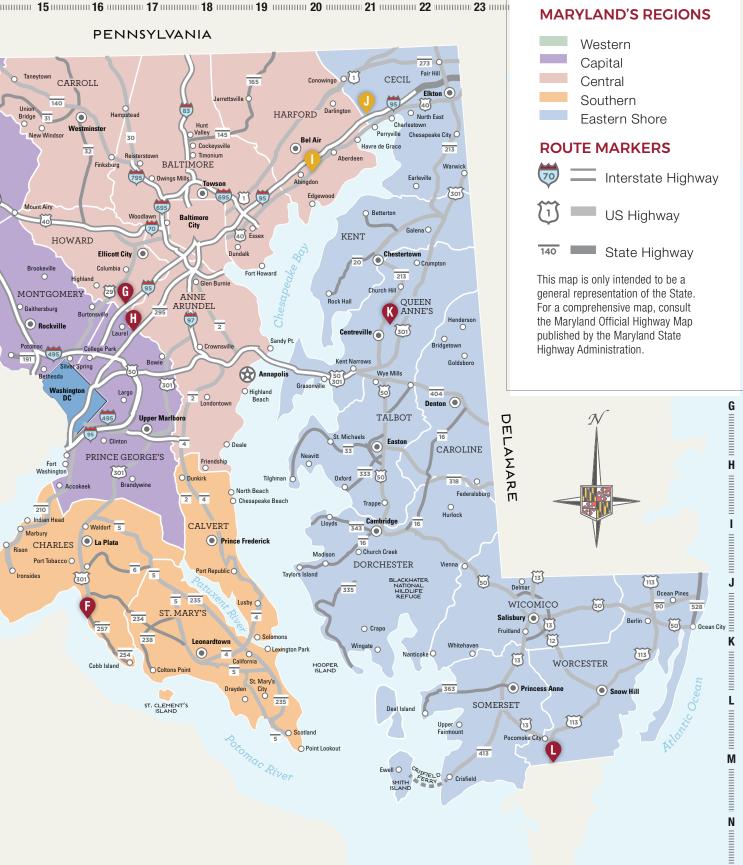
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Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels



# **Maryland State Map**





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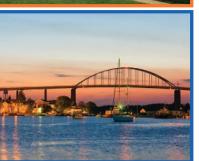
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# Visit Montgomery County MD

240-777-2060 877-789-6904 visitmontgomery.com

# Visit Baltimore

410-659-7300 877-BALTIMORE baltimore.org

# Visit Harford! Inc.

410-838-7777 visitharford.com

# Baltimore County

Visit Annapolis &

410-280-0445

888-302-2852

visitannapolis.org

**Anne Arundel County** 

Tourism & Promotion 410-887-4289 enjoybaltimorecounty.com

# Southern Maryland

Calvert County Department of Economic Development 410-535-4585 choosecalvert.com

# Eastern Shore

Caroline County Office of Tourism 410-479-0655 visitcaroline.org

# Cecil County Tourism

410-996-6299 800-CECIL-95 seececil.org

# Kent County Office of Tourism

410-778-0416 kentcounty.com

# **Dorchester County Tourism**

410-228-1000 800-522-8687 visitdorchester.org

# Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism

301-396-5819 800-766-3386 charlescountymd.gov/tourism

**Ocean City Maryland** 

**Queen Anne's County** 

**Somerset County Tourism** 

**Office of Tourism** 

410-604-2100 visitgueenannes.com

410-651-2968

800-521-9189

visitsomerset.com

410-289-2800

800-0C-0CEAN ococean.com

**Convention & Visitors Bureau** 

# Visit St. Mary's MD

301-475-4200 ext. 1403 800-327-9023 visitstmarysmd.com

# Talbot County Office of Tourism 410-770-8000 tourtalbot.org

# Wicomico County Tourism

410-548-4914 800-332-TOUR wicomicotourism.org

# **Worcester County Tourism**

410-632-3110 800-852-0335 beachandbeyond.org

#### WESTERN MARYLAND

# Things to See and Do

High peaks, dense forests, famous battlefields, shimmering waters and the strains of guitars—that's Western Maryland, and it's glorious.





# Accident

ATTRACTIONS

Cove-Run Farms Corn Maze 596 Griffith Rd, Accident, 301-616-6111 www.coverunfarmscornmaze.com

10-acre maze, where questions posted at each intersection determine the next path through winding passages; educational materials offered. \$

Deep Creek Lavender Farm 625 Doerr Rd, Accident, 240-608-8282 www.deepcreeklavenderfarm.com

Seasonal lavender farm offering scenic recreation, lavender products and peaceful picnicking, while also celebrating all that lavender has to offer.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

#### Drane House

Old Cemetery Rd, Accident, 301-746-6346 One of very few original frontier plantation homes remaining in Western Maryland with a log structure from the late 1700s and tours upon request. &

# **Big Pool**

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Fort Frederick State Park 11100 Fort Frederick Rd, Big Pool, 301-842-2155 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/fortfrederick.aspx

A 250-year-old fort and cornerstone of Maryland's defense during the French and Indian War, with re-enactments and living history on event weekends. \$

### Western Maryland Rail Trail

Fort Frederick State Park, 11100 Ft Frederick Rd, Big Pool, 301-842-2155 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/wmrt.aspx

Paved 23-mile-long trail running from Big Pool to the southern slope of Sideling Hill and popular for cycling, in-line skating and walking. &

### Boonsboro

### ATTRACTIONS

Crystal Grottoes Caverns 19821 Shepherdstown Pike, Boonsboro, 240-217-7623

www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com

Maryland's only commercial underground caverns offering spectacular tours through brilliantly lit chambers. Tours last about 30 minutes.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Boonsborough Museum of History 113 N Main St, Boonsboro, 301-432-6969 www.boonsborohistoricalsociety.org/ boonesborough-museum-of-history

Civil War collection and exhibits of ceramics, glassware, early lighting, weapons, ancient artifacts, a model

cabinetmaker's shop and country store. Washington County Rural

# Heritage Museum

7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, 240-420-1714

www.ruralheritagemuseum.org

Museum with more than 2,000 artifacts of early life and the local automotive legacy, a village with a Conestoga wagon, gift shop, events and exhibits.

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Appalachian National Scenic Trail 21843 National Pike, Boonsboro, 301-791-4767

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/at.aspx

An epic 40-mile route along the backbone of South Mountain on a north-south ridge that extends from the Pennsylvania border to the Potomac River.

#### Greenbrier State Park

21843 National Pike, Boonsboro, 301-791-4767 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/greenbrier.aspx

Park with a 42-acre freshwater lake, outcrops, geologic history in "mountain stones," swimming, boating, fishing and nearby Appalachian Trail. & \$

### SHOPPING Cronise Market Place

312 S Main St, Boonsboro, 301-432-7377 www.cronisemarket.com

Established in 1928; fresh local produce, beautiful flowers and fresh-cut Christmas trees.

# **Burkittsville**

#### ATTRACTIONS

War Correspondents Arch 900 Arnoldstown Rd, South Mountain Recreation Area, Burkittsville, 301-791-4767

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/gathland.aspx

Arch (1885) by George Alfred Townsend, famous Civil War author/correspondent, and the only monument to the memory of war correspondents in the world.

# **Clear Spring**

ATTRACTIONS

Knob Hall Winery 14108 St. Paul Rd, Clear Spring, 301-842-2777 www.knobhallwinery.com

Award-winning wines made from estategrown grapes using sustainable agricultural methods in the Antietam Highlands with tasting room, shop and events. &  $\clubsuit$ 

#### Wilson Country School/Wilson Store 14921 Rufus Wilson Rd, Clear Spring, 301-582-4718

www.mountaindiscoveries.com/images/ ss2015/wilsonstore.pdf

Restored store and schoolhouse built in the 1850s, now displaying an antique room and home decor upstairs and offering homemade chips and country ham.

### Cumberland

# ARTS & CULTURE

Allegany Arts Council 9 N Centre St, Cumberland, 301-777-2787 www.alleganyartscouncil.org

Professional art space and local collective featuring a wide variety of artwork within the Saville and Schwab Mountain Maryland galleries.  $\underline{k}$ 

#### **Cumberland Theatre**

101-103 N Johnson St, Cumberland, 301-759-4990 www.cumberlandtheatre.com

Western Maryland's only regional professional theater presenting musicals and dramas year-round and offering group rates and productions for all ages. 🕁 \$

New Embassy Theatre 49 Baltimore St, Cumberland, 240-362-7183 www.embassytheatrecorp.org

A 1931 art deco movie house offering an eclectic repertoire of theater, classic films, art, live music and special interest events. 🕭 \$

# ATTRACTIONS

**1812 Brewery** 13006 Mason Rd, Cumberland, 301-338-2490 *www.1812brewery.com* 

A mill barn and farm house (1812) nestled in historic Evitts Creek Valley, and now the home of Western Maryland's first farm brewery event center.

#### Appalachian Collection

Allegany College of Maryland Library, 12401 Willowbrook Rd SE, Cumberland, 301-784-5269 www.collections.library.appstate.edu/ appalachian

A library and archive collection covering local histories and offering genealogical resources for Western MD, PA and WV.

# C&O Canal Cumberland National

Historical Park-Cumberland Visitor Center 13 Canal St, Rm 100, Cumberland, 301-739-4200 www.nps.gov/choh

Park preserving early C&O transportation history with information about the crossroads, boat building and local industry along scenic nature trails. &

# C&O Canal Towpath

13 Canal St, Cumberland, 301-739-4200 www.nps.gov/choh

The C&O Canal began as an early transportation roadway. Today it remains a natural and recreational treasure. Hiking and biking opportunities on the towpath.

# **Canal Place Heritage Area**

13 Canal St, Western Maryland Railway Station, Cumberland, 301-724-3655, 1-800-989-9394 www.canalplace.org

Heritage park at the start of the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage and home to historic sites, shopping, dining, festivals, concerts and outdoor recreation. &

### **Charis Winery**

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17 Howard St, C5, Cumberland, 240-581-3875 www.chariswinery.com

Winery in a quaint outdoor shopping area offering good local wines, tastings and excellent hosts for a fine wine experience near the canal downtown.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 16 Washington St, Cumberland, 301-777-3364

www.emmanuelparishofmd.org

Church built on the remains of a British Colonial fort with Tiffany windows, cellars, magazines and earthworks of Ft. Cumberland (c. 1755) below.

George Washington's Headquarters Riverside Park, Greene St, Cumberland, 301-777-5132, 1-800-425-2067 www.mdmountainside.com/ george-washingtons-headquarters

One-room cabin (built 1754-1755) used by George Washington while an aide to General Braddock and the only remaining structure of Ft. Cumberland.

VISITMARYLAND.ORG | 1-877-209-5883

ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

The Gordon-Roberts House 218 Washington St, Cumberland, 301-777-8678 www.aordon-robertshouse.com

Second Empire-style mansion dating to 1867 with three furnished floors, virtual and hourly tours and a museum gift shop

located in the carriage house \$

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad 13 Canal St, Cumberland, 301-759-4400, 1-800-TRAIN-50

www.wmsr.com Scenic train climbing 1,291 ft. from Cumberland to Frostburg through the Alleghany mountains with murder mystery events, a caboose and cab rides. & \$

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

The "Cumberland" Full Scale C&O Canal Boat Replica

13 Canal St, Cumberland, 301-714-2233, 1-800-989-9394 www.canaltrust.org/pvy/canal-boat-replica

www.cananuust.org/pyv/canai-boat-reprica

Full-size replica boat located along the Trestle Walk at Canal Place offering a place to learn how families lived and worked on the canal.

#### Allegany Museum

3 Pershing St, Cumberland, 301-777-7200 www.alleganymuseum.org

Exhibits about rare Ice Age fauna discovered in deep mountain caves, the lifeways of the region's Native American populations and legendary frontiersmen.

### F. Brooke Whiting House Museum 632 Washington St, Cumberland, 301-777-8678

www.thewhitinghouse.org

A 1911 historic bungalow overflowing with a global connoisseur's collection of Asian works of art and American, European and British decorative arts. \$

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Great Allegheny Passage 13 Canal St, Cumberland www.gaptrail.org

A nearly level trail for hiking from Cumberland to Pittsburgh through tunnels and across viaducts along scenic views and towns of Marvland. &

# Deep Creek Lake

#### ATTRACTIONS

Deep Creek Discovery Center 898 State Park Rd, Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-7067

www.discoverycenterdcl.com

A 6,000-sq. ft. educational center with natural, cultural and historical resources in mounted specimens, an aviary and a children's interactive room.

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Deep Creek Lake State Park 898 State Park Rd, Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-5563

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/ western/deepcreek.aspx

Park with one mile of shoreline along Maryland's largest lake and housing black bears and wild turkeys as well as public boat access ramps. &

#### SPORTS

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Adventure Sports Center International 250 Adventure Sports Way, Deep Creek Lake, 301-387-3250, 1-877-300-2724 www.adventuresportscenter.com White-water rafting course providing thrills for "first timers" and seasoned rafters alike as well as kayaking, climbing, hiking and Flintstone

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Rocky Gap Casino Resort



16701 Lakeview Rd NE, Flintstone, 301-784-8400 www.rockygapcasino.com

Located in Rocky Gap State Park with miles of trails and incredible views. AAA 4-Diamond Award<sup>®</sup> and TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence-winning resort.

#### See ad on page 63.

#### **Rocky Gap State Park**

12500 Pleasant Valley Rd, Hwy I-68, exit 50, Flintstone, 301-722-1480 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/

western/rockygap.aspx A 3,000-acre park featuring 243-acre Lake

Habeeb, an impressive mile-long gorge framed by sheer cliffs, overlooks, dense hemlock forests and camping. &

# Friendsville

ATTRACTIONS

Deep Creek Cellars 177 Frazee Ridge Rd, Friendsville, 301-746-4349

www.deepcreekcellars.com

Garrett County's only winery for tasting European-style and natural wines and learning about sustainable grape growing with a scenic three-state view. &

### Friendsville Heritage Museum and Genealogical Library

261 Maple St, Friendsville, 301-746-4690 www.friendfamilyassociation.com

Center offering Friendsville and Youghiogheny River history with family genealogy, Native American archaeology and stories through photos/artifacts.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Laurel Highlands River Tours POBox 107, Friendsville, 724-329-8531, 1-800-472-3846 www.laurelhighlands.com

White-water rafting on the upper, middle, lower Youghiogheny and Cheat River. Mountain biking, rock climbing, zip line and gem mining. Receive 10 percent discount with this ad.

Precision Rafting Expeditions Corner of Maple & Morris sts, Friendsville, 301-746-5290, 1-800-477-3723 www.precisionrafting.com

Guide offering white-water rafting, mild float trips to adventure rafting, flat-water and eco-tours, guided kayaking and state-of-the-art equipment. ج

#### Youghiogheny River Lake Garrett County Chamber, Friendsville, 301-387-5563

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/youghiogheny.aspx

Popular recreation area and lake with boating, fishing, swimming, camping, white-water and flat-water paddling sports as well as a public launch.

KEY TO SYMBOLS 🗄 = Disability Accessible 🦐 = Pet Friendly 💲 = Admission 🌲 = Maryland Green Travel Partner

# Frostburg

#### ARTS & CULTURE

Mountain City Traditional Arts Center 25 E Main St, Frostburg, 301-687-8040 www.mountaincitytradart.blogspot.com

A diverse display of local artwork, handcrafted items and Appalachian-based products with a stage hosting literary readings, music and performances.

#### The Palace Theatre

31 E Main St, Frostburg, 301-687-0921 www.frostburgpalace.org

Shows a mix of classic, independent, documentary and foreign films, and hosts live music, plays and speakers.

#### ATTRACTIONS

#### Frostburg Museum

Hill & Oak sts, Frostburg, 301-689-1195 www.downtownfrostburg.com/ frostburg-museum

An 1890s school building housing displays of local history and including exhibits about domestic mining, local businesses and genealogy. &

#### **Toasted Goat Winery**

10 E Main St, Frostburg, 240-558-9463 www.toastedgoatwinery.com

Winery offering a variety of flavorful local wines in the tasting room, from sweet to dry, as well as special events and a gift shop.

#### HISTORY & HERITAGE

Grantsville

ARTS & CULTURE

301-895-3332

ATTRACTIONS

301-895-5985

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301-707-7200

301-895-5985

www.pennalps.com

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

www.spruceforest.org

and an 1800s grist mill. &

125 Casselman Rd, Grantsville,

Thrasher Carriage Museum 19 Depot St, Frostburg, 301-777-7200 https://alleganymuseum.org/ thrasher-carriage-collection

One of the top collections of horse-drawn vehicles in the United States representing multiple vehicles, from a milk wagon to a Vanderbilt sleigh.

Spruce Forest Artisan Village

Historic log cabin village serving as a

collection of studios for working artists and

offering house museums, re-enactments

Penn Alps Restaurant & Craft Store

Originally an 1818 stagecoach stop, now

a showcase of the area's arts, crafts and

music to preserve its history and spiritual values. Located by the Historic Casselman

**Grantsville Community Museum** 

Museum preserving Northern Garrett

County's heritage with an emphasis on Leo

Beachy's photography, the National Road

Historic grist mill complex originally built in

producing flours, meals and mixes; NRHP. &

1797 and now powered by electricity for

www.grantsvillemuseum.org

and 1964 B-52 Bomber crash.

84 Casselman Rd, Grantsville,

www.pennalps.com/stantonsmill

Stanton's Mill (1797)

153 Main St, Grantsville, 301-895-5454,

177 Casselman Rd, Grantsville,

**Casselman River Bridge State Park** 10240 National Pike, Grantsville, 301-895-5453 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/western/casselman.aspx An 80-ft. stone arch bridge along the

National Road and the largest of its kind when built (1813) linking Cumberland and the Ohio River.

New Germany State Park 349 Headquarters Ln, Grantsville, 301-895-5453 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/newgermany.aspx

Scenic park featuring a 13-acre lake formed by a dam built for mill operation with camping, pavilions, hiking, cross-country skiing and cabins. \$

Savage River State Forest 127 Headquarters Ln, Grantsville, 301-895-5759 http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/pages/ publiclands/western\_savageriverforest.aspx

Largest state forest with 54,000 acres and 12,000 acres of designated wildlands, camping, fishing, hunting and four-wheeler and snowmobile trails. &

#### Hagerston

ATTRACTIONS

**Cool Ridge Vineyard** 19638 Cool Hollow Rd, Hagerston, 301-991-9246 www.coolridgevineyard.com

Boutique vineyard and winery offering award-winning, European-style dry wines and consisting of 16 acres of grapevines and beautiful mountain views.

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

**Mansion House Art Gallery** 501 Highland Way, City Park off Virginia Ave, Hagerstown, 301-797-6813 http://www.valleyartassoc. com/?page=mansion house

Gorgeous city park housing a historic home (c. 1842) and now a gallery with paintings in various styles by artists from the local tri-state area.

**Maryland Symphony Orchestra** 28 W Washington St Ste 2, Hagerstown, 301-797-4000

www.marylandsymphony.org

Under direction of Elizabeth Schulze, it is the region's premier professional orchestra performing five pairs of MasterWorks concerts and four special concerts. \$

**Maryland Theatre** 

21-27 S Potomac St, Hagerstown, 301-790-2000 www.mdtheatre.org

Multi-disciplinary performing arts theater presenting stage acts, movies, family programs, civic events, a student series, music and world-tour shows. 🕭

Washington County Arts Council, Inc 34 S Potomac St Ste 100, Hagerstown, 301-791-3132

www.washingtoncountyarts.com

Nonprofit dedicated to promoting the arts of Washington County and the surrounding area and featuring exhibitions and an extensive gallery shop. &

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts 401 Museum Dr, Hagerstown, 301-739-5727 www.wcmfa.org

Visit website for information about collections, exhibitions, art classes, talks, concerts, venue rentals, and more.

See ad on page 67.

# ATTRACTIONS

**Albert Powell Trout Hatchery** 20901 Fish Hatchery Rd, Hagerstown, 301-791-4736 http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/

pages/hatcheries/powell.aspx Rainbow trout hatchery offering family fun and interesting self-quided tours of outdoor ponds where as many as 200,000 trout are raised.

### **C&O Canal National Historical**

**Park Headquarters** 1850 Dual Hwy Ste 100, Hagerstown, 301-739-4200

www.nps.gov/choh

An 184.5-mile-long canal, once a lifeline for communities along the Potomac River; now offering biking, hiking and history exploration. 4

**Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.** 101 W Washington St, Hagerstown, 301-790-0076, 1-877-790-0076 www.discovervstation.org

Hands-on STEM museum for children and families with an art room, Lego robotics, dinosaurs, trains, airplanes, sustainability exhibits and a treasure gift shop. & \$

### **Hagerstown Corn Maze**

17638 Garden View Rd, Hagerstown, 301-393-4377

www.hagerstowncornmaze.org

An 8-acre corn maze and pick-your-own pumpkin patch operating from September to October at Celebration Farms; bring your flashlight, \$

The Train Room and Museum 360 S Burhans Blvd, Hagerstown, 301-745-6681

www.the-train-room.com

One of the largest collections of rare/ unusual items from Lionel and Marx trains with two large rooms plus a large operating layout and Thomas toys.

### William Brish Planetarium

820 Commonwealth Ave, Hagerstown, 301-766-2898

www.wbplanetarium.weebly.com

The 70-seat, fully digital, full-dome planetarium provides programs every month and special group showings by appointment. & \$

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Hagerstown Aviation Museum 101 W Washington St, Hagerstown, 301-733-8717

www.hagerstownaviationmuseum.org

Museum highlighting the 70-year history of aviation and aviation-related manufacturing in the Hagerstown area through photographs and other models.

#### Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum 300 S Burhans Blvd, Hagerstown, 301-739-4665

www.roundhouse.org

Collection of artifacts, photos, historic cabooses, locomotives and model railroads of the Hagerstown Roundhouse and the railroads of "Hub City." \$

Jonathan Hager House & Museum 110 Key St, Hagerstown, 301-739-8577 ext 170 www.hagerstownmd.org/309/ ionathan-hager-house-museum

Historic house built in 1739 that served as a fort and trading post for town founder Jonathan Hager: now with 18th-century furnishings on display. 🛓 \$

#### The Miller House Museum 135 W Washington St, Hagerstown, 301-797-8782

https://washcohistory.org/miller-house Example of classic Federal period architecture. Open for tours and events. Collection has military artifacts, Shenandoah

pottery and locally-made arts. \$ **Rose Hill Cemetery** 600 S Potomac St, Hagerstown,

301-739-3630 www.rosehillcemetervofmd.org

Statue of Hope at the burial place of 2,468 Confederate soldiers (346 identified) who died in the Civil War battles of Antietam and South Mountain

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Hagerstown Cultural Trail 401 Museum Dr, Hagerstown, 301-739-8577 ext 171 www.hagerstownculturaltrail.com

Route connecting two of the city's most popular places: The Arts & Entertainment District with City Park and Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

### SHOPPING

Valley Mall 17301 Valley Mall Rd, Hagerstown, 301-582-0700

www.shopthevalleymall.com

Enjoy shopping at retailers that include JC Penney, Belk, TiH Studio, H&M; restaurants: Primanti Bros. Red Robin and Mission BBQ. Black Rock Bar & Grill, and BJ's Brewhouse coming soon.

#### SPORTS

The Greens at Hamilton Run 2 S Cleveland Ave, Hagerstown, 301-733-8630 www.hagerstowngreens.com

A public 9-hole golf course owned and operated by the City of Hagerstown. Carts are available to rent and food/drinks are served in remodeled clubhouse

**Hagerstown Municipal Stadium** 274 E Memorial Blvd, Municipal Stadium, Hagerstown, 301-791-6266 www.hagerstownsuns.com

Home of the Hagerstown Suns, a minor league affiliate of the Washington Nationals and the premier family entertainment venue of Western Maryland. 🕭 \$

# Hancock

### ATTRACTIONS

**C&O Canal National Historical Park** Hancock Visitor Center 439 E Main St, Hancock, 301-739-4200

www.nps.gov/choh

Site of Bowles House, originally built as a one-story structure on a hill overlooking the Potomac River and now illustrating 19thcentury canal life.

# Keedysville

ATTRACTIONS

**Newcomer House** 18422 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, 301-600-4031

www.heartofthecivilwar.org/ newcomer-house

The historic Newcomer House, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Visitor Center, features suggested visitor experiences at Antietam and throughout mid-Maryland.

WESTERN MARYLAND

# Kitzmiller

OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Jennings Randolph Lake** 1700 Jennings Randolph Rd, Kitzmiller, 301-387-4386

www.nab.usace.army.mil/missions/ dams-recreation/jennings-randolph-lake

Mountainous 5.5-mile-long recreation area at 952 acres offering sailing, diving, ice fishing, camping, a 3D archery course and white-water rafting.

# Knoxville

**River & Trail Outfitters** 604 Valley Rd, Knoxville, 301-834-9950, 1-888-IGO-PLAY www.rivertrail.com

Camping along the C&O Canal and Potomac River with rafting, canoeing, kayaking and tubing as well as hiking, biking, ziplining and a climbing wall. &

### LaVale

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

**Clarysville Bridge** Rts 40 & 55, LaVale, 301-777-5138 www.mdmountainside.com

A historic stone-arch bridge (mid-1700s) is one of the original structures that supported the National Road and one of few remaining along the route

LaVale Toll Gate House-National Road 14302 National Hwy, LaVale, 301-729-3047 www.atlasobscura.com/places/ lavale-toll-gate-house

Only remaining toll gate on National Road in Maryland with a historic plaque indicating fees for wagons, animals and pedestrians to use road; NRHP.

Lonaconing Iron Furnace and Park

lonaconing-iron-furnace-and-park-

www.mdmountainside.com/

Rt 36, Main St, Lonaconing, 301-777-5138

Ruins of a historic furnace erected in 1837

using coal and coke rather than charcoal to make iron, thus becoming an early

17410 Recreation Area Rd, Lonaconing,

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/western/dansmountain.aspx

Park with rugged mountain terrain, an

Olympic-size pool with waterslide and

panoramic views at nearby Dans Rock

Overlook: pavilion rentals available. 5

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# Lonaconing

ATTRACTIONS

American success

301-895-5453

OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Dans Mountain State Park** 

# **McHenry**

### ATTRACTIONS

**Mountain State Brewing Company** 6690 Sang Run Rd, McHenry, 301-387-3360 www.mountainstatebrewing.com

Brewery serving up an extensive craft beer selection, hand-crafted ales, and wood-fired and oven-baked flatbreads. Family-friendly outside patio.

#### Wisp Resort

296 Marsh Hill Rd. McHenry. 1-800-462-9477 www.wispresort.com

Maryland's only four-season ski, golf and recreation destination resort with an ice skating rink, a tubing park, Nordic center and Mountain Coaster. & \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Chipmunk Challenge Course** 296 Marsh Hill Rd. McHenry. 1-800-462-9477 www.wispresort.com/chipmunkchallenge-course

A big adventure for little ones offering two zips suitable for ages 4 and up (or 40 lb) and stretching from 60 to 200 ft. with tricky hurdles along the way. \$

**Flying Squirrel Canopy Tour** 296 Marsh Hill Rd, McHenry, 1-800-462-9477

www.wispresort.com/flying-squirrelcanopy-tour

Five zips from 80 to 400 ft. for flying among the trees and offering challenging obstacles along the way for ages 10 and up (or 70-250 lb). \$

#### Mountain Coaster at Wisp Resort 296 Marsh Hill Rd, McHenry, 1-800-462-9477

www.wispresort.com/mountain-coaster

A cross between a roller coaster and an alpine slide, offering thrills and views of the scenery. & \$

Nordic Center at Wisp Resort 296 Marsh Hill Rd, McHenry, 1-800-462-9477 www.wispresort.com

Center at the Appalachian Yurt within Sundown Village offering Nordic Skiing, also known as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. \$

Spider Monkey Adventure 296 Marsh Hill Rd, McHenry,

1-800-462-9477 www.wispresort.com/spider-monkeyadventure

Six hair-raising obstacles in the same family as the flying squirrel and chipmunk challenge at the mid-level range for ages 6 and up (50-250 lb). \$

**Taylor-Made Deep Creek** Vacations & Sales 35 Towne Centre Way, McHenry, 301-387-5999

www.deepcreeklakemd.com Over 440 vacation rental homes ranging

from 1-9 bedrooms at Deep Creek Lake. Choose from homes with private pools, hot tubs & pet-friendly properties.

#### See ad on page 63.

Wisp Mountain Park 296 Marsh Hill Rd, McHenry, 1-800-462-9477 www.wispresort.com

Park offering paddle boarding, kayaking and boat tours on Deep Creek, Mountain Coaster, segway tours, archery, biking and scenic chairlift rides. & \$

120 💠 VISITMARYLAND.ORG | 1-877-209-5883

# SPORTS

Aquatic Center 634 Deep Creek Dr, McHenry, 301-387-8233 www.aquatic-center.com

Center offering rentals, sales and services for boats, kayaks, paddle boards, ATVs, UTVs and motorcycles by brands like Sea-Doo, Yamaha and Kawasaki. 🛓 \$

# Mount Savage

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

**Evergreen Heritage Center** 15603 Trimble Rd NW, Mount Savage, 301-687-0664

www.evergreenheritagecenter.org

From log cabin to stone mansion, the Trimble ancestral farm (c. late 1700s) hosts more than 130 acres of gardens, woodland, ponds and streams. 🕭 🗍

#### Mount Savage Museum Bank Jail and Mining Building

Main St, Mount Savage, 301-876-7847 www.mountsavagehistoricalsociety.org Restored sites showcasing the story of

Mt. Savage Mining/iron works, the brick/ railroad industries and home of first rolled iron rail in the U.S.

# Mountain Lake Park

ATTRACTIONS

Simon Pearce Glassblowing 265 Glass Dr, Mountain Lake Park, 301-334-5277

www.simonpearce.com

At the glass manufacturing facility, visitors can observe glassblowers at work from an ideal vantage point-a catwalk viewing gallery above the factory floor. &

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Broadford Lake Recreation Area** 120 Recreation Ln off Rt 135, Mountain Lake Park, 301-334-9222 https://www.oaklandmd.com/ broadford-lake.html

Picturesque family park with a lake, vending machines, picnic and beach area, volleyball, basketball, boat launch, boat and pavilion rentals. & \$

# Oakland

ATTRACTIONS **Cranesville Subarctic Swamp** 

Cranesville & Lake Ford rds, Oakland, 301-387-4386 www.garretttrails.org/cranesville-

swamp-trails.html

Small forest and bog left from the Ice Age; now home to unique species of plants/ animals, a boardwalk crossing a swamp and six winding trails.

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Garrett County Historical Museum** 107 S Second St, Oakland, 301-334-3226 www.garrettcountymuseums.com

Museum housing exhibits of a replica 1850s log cabin interior, Garrett and B&O room, hotel room, an early industry room and much more.

**Garrett County Transportation Museum** 107 S Second St, Oakland, 301-533-1044 www.garrettcountymuseums.com/transportationmuseum.html

Museum with displays of sailboats by Gordon Douglass Boat Company, Garrett County's first snowmobile (1960s) and popular steel toys of the 1920s.

#### **Historic B&O Train Station** 117 E Liberty St. Oakland www.oaklandbandomuseum.org

An 1884 roundhouse train station restored to its original Queen Anne-style splendor as one of the most distinguished historic depots in the country.

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Herrington Manor State Park** 222 Herrington Ln, Oakland, 301-334-9180 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/herrington.aspx

Park and 53-acre lake, log cabins, crosscountry ski rentals and popular events, such as fishing rodeos and apple butter making. throughout the year. 🕏 \$

**Potomac State Forest** 

1431 Potomac Camp Rd, Oakland, 301-334-2038 https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/pages/ publiclands/western\_potomacgarrettforest. aspx

Home to Potomac River headwaters, forests, wildlife, trout fishing and the highest point (3,220 ft.) in Maryland state forests at Backbone Mountain.

Stever Brothers Maple Syrup 2735 Gorman Rd, Rt 560, Oakland, 301-334-2900

www.garrettfarms.org/steyer-brothersmaple-syrup.html

Farm with a 100-year-long family tradition of pure maple syrup making with activities for learning about the fine art and science of the maple trade.

#### **Swallow Falls State Park**

222 Herrington Ln, Oakland, 301-387-6938 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/ western/swallowfalls.aspx

Home to some of the most breathtaking scenery in Western Maryland with waterfalls, including Muddy Creek Falls (54 ft.) and an old-growth forest. 🛓 \$

### Oakland

Spring Creek Outfitters 86 Big Frog Ln, Oakland, 301-387-6587 www.springcreekoutfitter.com

Outfitter offering a variety of packages to suit everyone's schedule and skill level from half-day wading trips to overnight floats for bass and muskies

# Oldtown

#### ATTRACTIONS

C&O Canal Paw Paw Tunnel (1850s) Tunnel Hill Rd, Oldtown, 301-714-2233 www.canaltrust.org/pyv/paw-paw-tunnel

Historic C&O landmark tunnel built in 1850 and cut through 3.118 ft. of rock as a major engineering feat with towpath, park and picnic facilities

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Irvin Allen/Michael Cresap Museum 19015 Opessa St SE, Oldtown, 301-478-5848

www.michaelcresapmuseum.org

A frontiersman and Revolutionary War hero's home (1764) at what was to become the oldest town in the county; nine rooms full of relics

KEY TO SYMBOLS & = Disability Accessible 🦐 = Pet Friendly \$ = Admission  $\clubsuit$  = Maryland Green Travel Partner

**Old Town Historical Toll Bridge** 19000 Green Spring Rd, Oldtown, 301-478-5500 www.oldtownbridge.com

The only privately-owned toll bridge in Maryland constructed from wood (1937); automobiles may cross for \$1.50.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

Spring Gap Recreation Area Oldtown Road SE, Oldtown, 301-714-2233 www.canaltrust.org/discoveryarea/ sprina-aap

Recreation area with a campground, canoe launch for a floating trip on the Potomac to Oldtown and a bike trail along the C&O Canal towpath

# Rohrersville

ATTRACTIONS

**Big Cork Vineyards** 

4238 Main St, Rohrersville, 301-302-8032 www.bigcorkvinevards.com

Vineyard with wines crafted by awardwinning vintner Dave Collins and delighting enthusiasts with exceptional flavors and finesse in the tasting room.

# Sharpsburg

ATTRACTIONS

**C&O Canal National Historical Park-Ferry Hill Plantation** 16500 Sharpsburg Pike, Sharpsburg, 301-739-4200 www.nps.gov/choh

Historic 19th-century house along the C&O Canal and Potomac River with guided tours, interpretive exhibits and one of Stonewall Jackson's officers. 🖱

A historic Methodist church built by the

housed Freedmen's Bureau school from

Antietam National Battlefield

5831 Dunker Church Rd, Sharpsburg,

National Park Service site with an old stone

bridge commemorating the bloodiest one-

220 E Main St, Sharpsburg, 301-432-5124

www.nps.gov/anti/learn/historyculture/

A cemetery dedicated five years after the

Battle of Antietam (1867) and now the final

Barron's C&O Canal Museum & Store

5632 Mose Cir, Sharpsburg, 301-432-8726

Artifacts and historic photos of the C&O Canal

and Sharpsburg with direct access to the C&O

Canal and country store with snacks.

2406 Chestnut Grove Rd, Sharpsburg

Old farmhouse once serving as the staging

area of John Brown and his army as they

prepared for the Harpers Ferry raid in the

resting place of Union soldiers from the

day battle in American history, fought on

African-American community in 1866 that

# **Tolson's Chapel**

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

1868-1870.

301-432-5124

www.nps.gov/anti

September 17, 1862. 🕭 \$

Antietam National Cemetery

antietam-national-cemeterv.htm

Maryland Campaign (1862).

Kennedy Farmhouse

www.johnbrown.org

(John Brown Raid HQ)

summer of 1859: NHL. \$

111 E High St, Sharpsburg www.tolsonschapel.org

#### WESTERN MARYLAND

Prv House Field Hospital Museum 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, 301-695-1864 www.civilwarmed.org/prv

Exhibits about battlefield medicine practiced at the Battle of Antietam, including re-created operating theater and info about care of the wounded. \$

# Smithsburg

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Red Heifer Winery** 12840 Red Heifer Winery Ln, Smithsburg, 301-824-5210

www.redheiferwinery.com

Winery nestled in the hillside at an elevation of 1,500 ft. and offering sweet and dry wine tastings, glasses or bottles and performances Jun-Oct.

### Swanton

OUTDOOR RECREATION **Big Run State Park** 

269 Big Run Rd, Swanton, 301-895-5453 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/bigrun.aspx

Popular base camp for fishing, camping and hunting and the trailhead of six-mile Monroe Run trail at the mouth of the Savage River Reservoir.

# Williamsport

ATTRACTIONS

### **C&O Canal National Historical**

Park-Cushwa Basin Visitor Center 205 W Potomac St. Williamsport. 301-714-2233 www.nps.gov/choh

A place on the canal where examples of major structures, a lockhouse, turning basin, aqueduct and warehouse, can be viewed in a half-mile stretch.

**Cushwa Brewing Co** 10212 Governor Ln, Blvd #1012, Williamsport www.cushwabrewing.com

Brewery with taproom located in the DM Bowman Business Park along the C&O Canal and creating small batch favorites, exceptional and innovative brews.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park** 

205 W Potomac St, Williamsport, 301-739-4200 www.nps.gov/choh/index.htm

The C&O Canal operated for nearly 100 years and was a lifeline for Potomac River communities. Today, enjoy historical, natural and recreational treasures

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Camp-Resort: Williamsport, MD



9550 Jellystone Park Way , Williamsport, 301-223-7117 www.jellystonemaryland.com

An unforgettable camping experience, Jellystone Park™ offers both cabins and campsites. Plus, enjoy water slides, a ninja course, mini golf and more. 🕭 💲 🎀

# VISITOR SERVICES

# **Boonsboro**

# TOUR SERVICES

National Road Museum 214 N Main St, Boonsboro, 240-626-0963 www.nationalroadfoundation.com

Maryland's first museum with exhibits about America's first federally funded highway, the National Road, and the region's trolley system.

# Cumberland

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

**Allegany County Tourism** 13 Canal St, Cumberland, 301-777-5132 www.mdmountainside.com

Three centuries of American history, a diverse culinary scene, and enough outdoor recreation to earn the title of "Top Adventure Town" by Blue Ridge Outdoors.

See ad on page 67.

### Friendsville

WELCOME CENTERS

Youghiogheny Overlook

Welcome Center Hwy I-68 E. Friendsville, 301-746-5230 www.roads.maryland.gov/index.aspx?pageid=250

Welcome center with a scenic view overlooking the river valley, picnic tables, pet center and information about the local , area; located off I-68 eastbound.

### Hagerstown

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

Visit Hagerstown & Washington County



**Convention and Visitors Bureau** 

#### 16 Public Square, Hagerstown, 301-791-3246

www.visithagerstown.com

Civil War history, five national parks, 30+ museums, minor league baseball, wineries and breweries. Located at I-70 and I-81. Hagerstown Has It.

# See ad on page 67.

# Hancock

WELCOME CENTERS

**Sideling Hill Welcome Center** Hwy I-68 W, Mile Marker 74, Hancock, 301-678-6035 www.visitmarvland.org/list/ maryland-welcome-centers

Center with scenic valley vantage, an exposed rockface displaying geological layers and serving traffic on the I-68 highway with travel information.

# **McHenry**

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

**Garrett County Chamber of Commerce** 15 Visitors Center Dr, McHenry, 1-888-387-5237

www.visitdeepcreek.com

County Visitors Center with information, brochures, guides, maps and more for Deep Creek Lake and Garrett County, Maryland. &

See ad on page 63.





# **HONORING THE 75TH** ANNIVERSARY

OF THE END OF WWII

Maryland Fleet Week 2020 offers exciting events and experiences. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will take to the skies over Fort McHenry while U.S. and International Navy vessels will be ready for boarding.

# September 9-14, 2020

# mdfleetweek.com







# Things to See and Do

Savor signature dishes, harbor sunsets, immersive arts and thrills at the casinos and parks-all in the Capital Region.



# Accokeek

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**National Colonial Farm** at Piscataway Park 3400 Bryan Point Rd, Accokeek, 301-283-2113 www.accokeekfoundation.org/agriculture

Welcome to life in the 1770s. See 18th-century tobacco barn, farmhouse and replica out-kitchen as well as fishing pier, boat dock and nature trails. &

# Adamstown

#### ATTRACTIONS

Mad Science Brewing Co. 1619 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, 240-409-8723 www.madsciencebrewing.com

Located at Thanksgiving Farms, this brewery currently contracts brews offsite.

# Bethesda

**ARTS & CULTURE** 

**Imagination Stage** 4908 Auburn Ave, Bethesda, 301-280-1660 www.imaginationstage.org

Capital Region's premier theater arts organization dedicated to children and presenting professional performances, after-school programs and camps. 🕭 \$

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club** 7719 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, 240-330-4500 www.bethesdabluesjazz.com

Small concert hall serving excellent food and drinks. See your favorite artists in an intimate, elegant and acoustically superb setting.

#### **McCrillis Gardens** 6910 Greentree Rd, Bethesda,

O'

301-962-1455 www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/ mccrillis\_gardens.shtm

#potomacrive

@moe.vizions

Five-acre garden with a spectacular array of azaleas, rhododendrons, majestic shade trees and flowering perennials. Seasonal walking tours available

#### The Ratner Museum 10001 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, 301-897-1518

www.ratnermuseum.com

First floor: changing monthly art exhibits. Second floor: journey through the Bible, carriage house galleries with children's literature and work. &

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

National Library of Medicine 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, 301-402-8878, 1-888-346-3656 www.nlm.nih.gov

Largest medical library in the world with historic rare book department, exhibits, tours and interactive displays. &

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Carderock Recreation Area** 9500 MacArthur Blvd, Bethesda, 301-739-4200

www.canaltrust.org/pyv/carderockrecreational-area

This 100-acre park within the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park is well-known for rock climbing, hiking and biking.

# Bladensburg

ATTRACTIONS Go-Kart Track-Bladensburg 4300 Kenilworth Ave, Bladensburg, 301-864-0110 www.gokarttrack.com

Guests can race in a single or doubleseated kart and work together as a team, racing as a driver or crew chief (co-pilot).



**Battle of Bladensburg Waterfront Park** 4601 Annapolis Rd, Bladensburg, 301-779-0371 www.mncppc.org/3054/battle-of-

 Emmitsburg Thurmont

 Woodsboro Walkersville

 Middletown Frederick

 Ijamsville Adamstown • Urbana

Myersville

 Jefferson Brunswick

Frederick

Mount Airy

Montgomery

Dickerson

bladensburg-visitor-center Center spotlighting the role of Prince George's County in the War of 1812 with

a waterfront park, public fishing pier, boat ramp and picnic area. &

# Bowie

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Belair Mansion** 

12207 Tulip Grove Dr, Bowie, 301-809-3089 www.cityofbowie.org/288/belair-mansion

An 18th-century home interpreting the lives of two Maryland governors and noted Thoroughbred owner with art and antiques covering a 250-year period. &

**Belair Stable Museum** 2835 Belair Dr, Bowie, 301-809-3089 www.cityofbowie.org/289/belairstable-museum

Famous in Maryland Thoroughbred racing history, home to two Triple Crown winners; contains racing memorabilia and a 1923 stable master's apartment. स

Bowie Railroad Museum 8614 Chestnut Ave, Bowie, 240-544-5677 www.cityofbowie.org/293/bowierailroad-museum

Museum showcasing a small, early 20th-century railroad village and a 1923 caboose with views of trains from the interlocking tower; nestled by the MARC/AMTRAK. &

#### Children's Heritage & Welcome Center 8608 Chestnut Ave, Bowie, 301-809-3089 www.cityofbowie.org/museum

Heritage center with hands-on activities interpreting life in a turn-of-the-century railroad town. Local history exhibits with visitor information. &

**National Capital Radio** & Television Museum

 Lavtonsville Germantown Brookeville

Chevy Chase

Silver

Spring

Washington

DC

Boyds
 Gaithersburg

Potomac • Rockville •Kensington

Glen

Echo

Poolesville
 Oerwood

North Bethesda

Bethesda •

 Sandy Spring Olney

Colesville

Suitland
 Oxon Hill

Fort Washington

Accokeeł

Greenbelt

Laurel

Bowie

Glenn Dale

Mitchellville

Lake Arbor

Prince

George's

Upper

Marlboro

College Park

Landover

 Marle
 Standywine
 Suitteent Clinton

Cheverly

Largo

Riverdale Park

Bladensburg

2608 Mitchelville Rd, Bowie, 301-390-1020 http://ncrtv.org

#greatfalls @visitmoco

Museum displaying an extensive collection of vintage radios and televisions. Working displays and hands-on activities; group tours available by appointment.

### Prince George's County

**Genealogical Society Library** 12219 Tulip Grove Dr, Bowie, 301-262-2063 http://pgcgs.org/

More than 5,500 volumes, periodicals and records to assist in genealogical research with a nationwide scope of collections. &

### SHOPPING

#### **Fireside Antiques** 13010 Ninth St, Bowie, 301-262-3743

Oak, pine, walnut country and formal furniture and accessories. One of many antiques shops in area of historic Old Town Bowie; shop where the dealers shop.

### SPORTS

**Prince George's Stadium** 4101 NE Crain Hwy, Bowie, 301-805-6000 www.baysox.com

Home of the Bowie Baysox, Class AA affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, offering baseball, fireworks, promotions, mascots, a kids play area and carousel. &

# CAPITAL REGION

# Boyds

#### ATTRACTIONS

King Barn Dairy MOOseum South Germantown Recreational Park, 18028 Central Park Cir, Boyds, 301-528-6530 www.mooseum.org

Dairy heritage museum with a milkable cow model, "MOO to you" antique milk wagon, model railroad, children's play room, crafts and cow exhibits.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Boyds Negro School 19510 White Ground Rd, Boyds www.boydshistory.org

A restored one-room schoolhouse (1896-1936) exploring the history of African-American education in Montgomery County. See website for information. &

# Brandywine

#### ATTRACTIONS

Gemeny Winery and Vineyard 8606 Cedarville Rd, Brandywine, 301-442-4670 https://marylandwine.com/wineries/

https://marylandwine.com/wineries/ gemeny-winery-and-vineyards

Vineyard comprised of two acres and surrounded by fields of grain and lush woods embodying the true heart of the Maryland farm.  $\underline{k}$ 

#### ATTRACTIONS

Romano Vineyard and Winery 15715 Bald Eagle School Rd, Brandywine, 301-752-1103 www.romanowinery.com

Family-owned winery dedicated to showcasing the rich soil of the rural tier of Prince George's County through beautiful vines and award-winning wines.

Robin Hill Farm and Vineyards 15800 Croom Rd, Brandywine, 301-643-5619 www.robinhillfarmandvinevards.com

Farm hosting events and featuring a tasting room full of estate-grown wines, scenic views of rustic red barns, rolling hills and grazing farm animals.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Cedarville State Forest

10201 Bee Oak Rd, Brandywine, 301-888-1410, 1-888-432-2267 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/cedarville.aspx

A 3,510-acre forest distinguishing the headwaters of Zekiah Swamp and offering camping, pavilions and 19 miles of hiking trails. & \$

### Brookeville

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Patuxent River State Park

23222 MD Rt 97, Brookeville, 301-924-2127 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/patuxentriver.aspx

This 6,700-acre park along the upper 12 miles of the Patuxent River is home to a farm, nature scenes, a trout stream and horse and hiking trails.

# Brunswick

### ATTRACTIONS

Smoketown Brewing Station 223 W Potomac St, Brunswick, 301-834-4828 www.smoketownbrewing.com

Crafting great beer from Brunswick's historic 1948 volunteer fire station.

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Brunswick Heritage Museum 40 W Potomac St, Brunswick, 301-834-7100 www.brunswickmuseum.org

Three floors of train exhibits for all ages, including an HO scale model train making its way from Brunswick to Union Station. \$

#### C&O Canal National Historical Park-Brunswick Visitor Center 40 W Potomac St, Brunswick, 301-834-7100 www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/

brunswickvisitorcenter.htm

Visitors center highlighting the history of and rivalry between the C&O Canal and the B&O Railroad. &

# Cheverly

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

Prince George's Publick Playhouse 5445 Landover Rd, Cheverly, 301-277-1710 http://arts.pgparks.com/2280/ the-prince-georges-publick-playhouse Performing arts theater offering a wide variety of performances and productions.

# **Chevy Chase**

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Audubon Naturalist Society 8940 Jones Mill Rd, Chevy Chase, 301-652-9188

www.anshome.org

Headquarters and shop on a 40-acre sanctuary with nature trails, a native garden and a pond, just minutes from downtown Washington, D.C.

# Clinton

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Surratt House Museum 9118 Brandywine Rd, Clinton,

301-868-1121 www.surrattmuseum.org

A middle-class farm home, tavern and post office dating back to 1852 and with ties to President Lincoln's assassination.  $\$ 

# Colesville

### HISTORY & HERITAGE National Capital Trolley Museum

1313 Bonifant Rd, Colesville, 301-384-6088 www.dctrolley.org Exhibits and displays telling the story of

Washington, D.C., street cars with trolley rides included.  ${\bf \xi}, \$ 

# College Park

ARTS & CULTURE
The Clarice Smith Performing

Arts Center

University of Maryland, College Park, 301-405-ARTS https://theclarice.umd.edu

Performances, dialogues, workshops and

more with extraordinary opportunities to enjoy, learn, explore and grow; free and ticketed events. & \$

### ATTRACTIONS

National Archives at College Park 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, 301-837-2000

www.archives.gov

State-of-the-art archival facility with one-hour tours available, research center, office areas, laboratories and records storage area. University of Maryland Conferences & Visitor Services 4321 Hartwick Rd Ste 500, College Park, 301-405-7884

### www.cvs.umd.edu

Conferences & Visitor Services (C&VS) is a one-stop shop that coordinates campus meeting facilities and the services of all university departments for conferences and events during both the summer and the academic year. In addition, C&VS offers meeting planning and registration services to programs hosted by the University of Maryland.

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

College Park Airport 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Dr, College Park, 301-864-5844

www.collegeparkairport.com

The world's oldest continually operating airport (c. 1909) and historic aviation site of the first military aviators' instruction by the Wright brothers. &

College Park Aviation Museum 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Dr, College Park, 301-864-6029 www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com

Interactive museum with aircraft and

hands-on exhibits dedicated to the historic airfield where Wilbur Wright taught early military pilots to fly.  $\underline{\&}$ 

# Derwood

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Go Ape Treetop Adventure 6129 Needwood Lake Dr, Derwood, 1-800-971-8271 www.goape.com

A highly interactive two- to three-hour outdoor activity center featuring zip lines, Tarzan swings and treetop obstacles for families, friends and groups. \$

# Dickerson

# ATTRACTIONS

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard 18125 Comus Rd, Dickerson, 301-605-0130 www.smvwinery.com

Award-winning, Bordeaux-style wines and a red barn, silo and windmill located about a mile from the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. &

#### White's Ferry

24801 White's Ferry Rd, US Rt 107, Dickerson, 301-349-5200 www.poolesvillemd.aov/338/whites-ferry

Last private working ferry on the Potomac River going between Maryland and Virginia in a 12-minute round trip; picnic grounds and canoe rentals available.

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Monocacy Natural Resource Management Area 6565 Dickerson Rd, Dickerson, 301-924-2127

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/parkmaps/monocacy\_map.aspx

Quiet hiking and equestrian trails across 1,800 acres of natural areas and scenic farmlands along the Monocacy River; hunting and fishing available.

# Emmitsburg

ATTRACTIONS National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady Lourdes 16330 Grotto Rd, Emmitsburg, 301-447-5318 www.nsgrotto.org Oldest replica of Grotto of Lourdes in the Western Hemisphere. National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 339 S Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, 301-447-6606 www.setonshrine.org

Historic site honoring the first Americanborn saint with a free museum, short film, historic homes, a cemetery and the saint's tomb in the Basilica.  $\underline{k}$ 

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial 16825 S Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, 301-447-1365 www.firehero.org

A memorial honoring those firefighters who have been lost in the line of duty with a Roll of Honor plaque listing names of fallen firefighters. &

# SHOPPING

Emmitsburg Antique Mall One Chesapeake Ave, Emmitsburg, 301-447-6471

www.emmitsburgantiquemall.com More than 36,000 sq. ft. of antique furniture, linens/quilts, primitives, toys, tools and collectibles on display in the heart of historic Emmitsburg, &

8901 Fort Foote Rd, Fort Washington,

Fort designed in the 1860s to fortify

surrounding seaports. Paths around the

Pre-Civil War masonry coastal fort and

visitor center with fishing, biking and

S Carroll St between E Patrick & E All Saints

www.williamcochran.com/gallerymain.

asp?qalleryid=5788&akey=yx679bsx

Award-winning trompe l'oeil mural on a

modern concrete bridge showcasing the

illusion of an old, ivy-covered stone bridge. 🛓

40 S Carroll St, Frederick, 301-698-0656

Center displaying exhibitions in galleries,

adults and a gift shop featuring works by

31 W Patrick St, Frederick, 301-694-4744

performing arts through the harmonizing of

a diverse ensemble of professional resident

TAG/The Artists' Gallery 216 N Market St. Frederick. 301-696-8187

www.theartistsgalleryfrederick.com

Gallery co-op where members work

together to show fine art; featuring new

DESTINATION MARYLAND <123

**Maryland Ensemble Theatre** 

www.marylandensemble.org

artists and visionaries.

shows monthly.

Theater dedicated to extraordinary

offering classes and programs for kids and

hiking as well as environmental and

ruins offer views of the best preserved Civil

Fort Washington

www.nps.gov/fofo/index.htm

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Fort Foote Park

War fort in the region

www.nps.gov/fowa

living history programs.

**Community Bridge Mural** 

sts, Frederick, 301-600-2888

**Delaplaine Arts Center** 

www.delaplaine.org

regional artists. 🛓

Frederick

**ARTS & CULTURE** 

Fort Washington Park

13551 Fort Washington Rd, Fort

Washington, 301-763-4600

301-763-4600

#### Weinberg Center for the Arts 20 W Patrick St, Frederick, 301-600-2828 www.weinbergcenter.org

A showcase for the performing arts, housed in a historic 1926 movie palace. Presenting music, dance, theater, classic films and family entertaiment. & \$

#### See ad on page 36.

Baker Park W 2nd & N Bentz sts, Frederick, 301-600-1492 www.visitfrederick.org/listing/ baker-park/12

A 44-acre park featuring a carillon, band shell, tennis courts, swimming pool, playgrounds and Culler Lake; summer concerts and events year-round. &

#### **Barbara Fritchie House**

154 W Patrick St, Frederick, 301-591-4435 www.barbarafritchie.org

The reconstructed home of Barbara Fritchie, heroine of John Greenleaf Whittier's Civil War poem with her words to Stonewall Jackson; now an Airbnb.

### Best Farm L'Hermitage

4801 Urbana Pike, Frederick, 301-662-3515 www.nps.gov/mono/learn/historyculture/ hermitage.htm

Once part of a 748-acre plantation known as L'Hermitage, 50 to 90 enslaved African-Americans worked this plantation in the 18th and 19th centuries.

#### **Dragon Distillery**

1341 Hughes Ford Rd Ste 108, Frederick, 301-378-2514

www.dragondistillery.com

Specializes in small-batch artisan spirits made from the finest locallysourced ingredients in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner. \$

#### Flying Dog Brewery

4607 Wedgewood Blvd, Frederick, 301-694-7899

www.flyingdogbrewery.com

As one of the fastest-growing regional craft breweries in the mid-Atlantic, has been brewing world-class beer that pushes the confines of traditional styles for almost 25 years. Its tasting room in Frederick offers more than 20 beers on tap including limited releases that can only be found at the brewery. &

A Great American Main Street-Downtown Frederick

19 E Church St, Frederick, 301-698-8118 www.downtownfrederick.org

A thriving 50-block historic district for shopping, dining, art and architecture.

The Great Frederick Fair 797 E Patrick St, Frederick, 301-663-5895 www.thegreatfrederickfair.com

Agricultural exhibits, entertainment, carnival rides and games, fair food, harness racing and commercial vendors. &

McClintock Distilling Co. 35 S Carroll St, Frederick, 202-557-9914 www.mcclintockdistilling.com

Craft distillery offering tours and tastings of organic spirits and located in the heart of downtown Frederick.

Monocacy Brewing Company 1781 N Market St, Frederick, 240-457-4232 www.monocacybrewing.com

VISITMARYLAND.ORG | 1-877-209-5883

Brewery crafting quality beer that's proudly brewed in historic Frederick and offering brewery tours and a taproom with draft brews.

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Olde Mother Brewing

911 E Patrick St, Frederick, 301-624-1700 www.oldemother.com

Frederick's smallest craft brewery with a comfortable, friendly atmosphere and tasting room; all small-batch craft ales are brewed on premise. &

#### **Roads & Rails Museum**

200 N East St, Frederick, 301-624-5524 www.roadsnrails.com

Museum with one of the world's largest miniature train displays and a gigantic LEGO train display that's great for families and loved by all ages. & \$

#### Sky Stage

#### 59 S Carroll St, Frederick, 301-662-4190 www.skystagefrederick.com

A roofless community arts venue offering concerts, dance, open mics, drum circles, comedy, theater, film, artisan marts and art installations. &

#### St. John's Cemetery

112 E 2nd St, Frederick, 301-662-8288 www.stjohn-frederick.org/stjohncemetery

Burial site of U.S. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, 29th Maryland Governor Enoch Louis Lowe and Founder of Boston College Fr. John McElroy, dating back to 1845. &

#### Summers Farm 5620 Butterfly Ln, Frederick, 301-620-9316 www.summersfarm.com

Fall harvest festival includes pick-your-own pumpkins; farm animals; slides; jumping pillow; corn maze, wagon rides, homemade apple cider donuts and much more. \$

#### Tenth Ward Distilling Co.

508 E Church St, Frederick, 301-662-4090 www.tenthwarddistilling.com

Off-beat spirits with unconventional ingredients and aging techniques. Also offers tours and tastings that recollect Frederick's booze history.

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

#### **Beatty-Cramer House**

9010 Liberty Rd, Frederick, 301-668-6088 www.frederickcountylandmarksfoundation.org/ fclf\_bcgen.html

Rare Dutch architecture (c. 1732) with timber frame and original brick house alongside 19th-century additions, including a smokehouse and springhouse.

#### **Bjorlee Museum**

101 Clarke PI, Frederick, 240-575-2959 www.visitfrederick.org/listing/ bjorlee-museum/285/

Collection dating back to 1872 with artifacts of historical significance to the Maryland School of the Deaf as well as to the Frederick community.

#### Jug Bridge Monument

1500 E Patrick St, Frederick, 301-600-4047 www.visitfrederick.org/listing/ jug-bridge-monument-park/265

Due to its odd shape, a persistent rumor holds that a real jug of whiskey was buried in this demijohn-shaped monument to Marquis de Lafayette.

Monocacy National Battlefield 4632 Araby Church Rd, Frederick, 301-662-3515

www.nps.gov/mono Site of "The Battle that Saved Washington," a pivotal battle where Union forces commanded by Gen. Lew Wallace (author of Ben-Hur) were defeated. §

# Mount Olivet Cemetery/Francis Scott Key Monument

515 S Market St, Frederick, 301-662-1164 www.mountolivetcemeteryinc.com A privately-owned "garden cemetery" with nearly 40,000 inhabitants, including Francis Scott Key, Barbara Fritchie and Revolutionary War veterans.

Museum of Frederick County History 24 E Church St, Frederick, 301-663-1188 www.frederickhistory.org

Enjoy 300 years of county history with exhibits, tours and hands-on activities for all ages in galleries, a bookstore and heritage garden. & \$

#### National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E Patrick St, Frederick, 301-695-1864 www.civilwarmed.org

Immersive exhibits illustrating the American Civil War stories of patients, caregivers and medical innovations. Education programs, tours and museum store. & \$

#### See ad on page 75.

#### Rose Hill Manor Park & Children's Museum

1611 N Market St, Frederick, 301-600-1650 www.rosehillmuseum.com

Hands-on history for children of all ages with a manor house (c. 1790), garden, log cabin, carriage collection, blacksmith shop and icehouse; NRHP. & \$

Schifferstadt Architectural Museum 1110 Rosemont Ave, Frederick, 301-663-3885

#### www.frederickcountylandmarksfoundation.org

Schifferstadt is one of the oldest houses in Frederick with a stone structure (c. 1758) that displays a rare example of German Colonial architecture. \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Clustered Spires Golf Course



8415 Gas House Pike, Frederick, 301-600-1295 www.clusteredspiresgolf.com

Clustered Spires is a great conditioned golf course with wonderful greens and considered the best value golf course in the Capital Region. & \$

#### Gambrill State Park 8602 Gambrill Park Rd, Frederick, 301-271-7574 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/western/gambrill.aspx

Premier hiking and biking trails with High Knob area nature center featuring Civic Conservation Corps history, memorial bronze statue and a garden.

Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium 21 Stadium Dr, Frederick, 301-662-0013, 1-877-8-GO-KEYS www.frederickkeys.com

Home to the Frederick Keys, a Class A baseball affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, with a fun and friendly atmosphere for group or family gatherings. &

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#### SHOPPING

Emporium Antiques 112 E Patrick St, Frederick, 301-662-7099 www.emporiumantiques.com

Warehouse (c. 1918) filled with 130 quality antiques dealers and offering an exceptional variety of fine antiques. &

# Gaithersburg

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Gaithersburg Community Museum 9 S Summit Ave, Gaithersburg, 301-258-6160

https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/ about-us/city-facilities/gaithersburgcommunity-museum

History, trains and hands-on fun at a museum in Olde Towne Gaithersburg's rail complex with indoor/outdoor interpretive local history exhibits.

### Gaithersburg-Washington

**Grove Fire Museum** 13 E Diamond Ave, Gaithersburg, 301-646-1222

www.gwgvfd.org/content/museum

Museum hosting a restored Diamond-T 1941 pumper firetruck as well as uniforms, badges, department logs, radios and other items dating to the 1920s. &

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Seneca Creek State Park 11950 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, 301-924-2127 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/seneca.aspx

Opportunities for hiking, biking, fishing, and picnicking. 27-hole disc golf course, boat rentals, live animals, fire playground and historic sites. Free entry Mon through Fri. & S♣

#### SHOPPING

Lakeforest Shopping Center 701 Russell Ave, Gaithersburg, 301-670-0599 www.shoplakeforest.com

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www.blackrockcenter.org

and intimate setting. 🕭

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

www.buttonfarm.org

240-579-5112

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Glen Echo

**Glen Echo Park** 

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Arts center hosting high-quality

**ARTS & CULTURE** 

301-528-2260

Find one of the most complete selections of stores, restaurants and services with more than 140 shopping choices.

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12901 Town Commons Dr, Germantown,

performances, free gallery exhibitions

**Button Farm Living History Center** 

16820 Black Rock Rd, Germantown,

Maryland's only living history center

7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo,

www.glenechopark.org

depicting 19th-century slave plantation

life and the heroic story of the Underground

This former retreat (1891) and amusement

park hosts a 1921 Dentzel Carousel,

ballroom dancing, arts studios, two

children's theaters and a playground.

and arts education classes in a welcoming

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Clara Barton National Historic Site 5801 Oxford Rd, Glen Echo, 301-320-1400 www.nps.gov/clba/index.htm

Clara Barton's former house with an atmosphere of dedication to caring for others that served as the early headquarters of the American Red Cross. &

# **Glenn Dale**

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Dorsey Chapel 10704 Brookland Rd, Glenn Dale, 240-264-3415 http://www.pgelegantsettings.com/ 3154/dorsey-chapel

Built in 1900, this rural African-American church served as the religious and social center of the Brookland community for more than 70 years.

Marietta House Museum 5626 Bell Station Rd, Glenn Dale, 301-464-5291 www.pqparks.com

The home of Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall, interpreting three generations of 19th-century residents. & \$

### Greenbelt

ATTRACTIONS

NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center/Museum 8800 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, 301-286-8981 www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/ home/index.html

Museum with unparalleled exhibition experiences, a key to past scientific knowledge and a window to the future frontiers of space exploration.

## **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Greenbelt Museum 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, 301-507-6582 www.areenbeltmuseum.ora

Explore history at a 1930s suburban New Deal experimental planned community built by President Franklin D. Roosevelt; walking/ group tours available.

# Ijamsville

ATTRACTIONS

Whiskey Creek Golf Club 4804 Whiskey Ct, Ijamsville, 301-694-2900, 1-888-883-1174

www.whiskeycreekgolf.com

Bordered by a high ridge of hardwoods and a winding, free-flowing creek, the property contains many different environments and natural features including springs, streams, stone walls, wetlands, rock outcroppings, broad meadows, pine forest and dramatic view of the Catoctin Mountains. &

#### SPORTS

Holly Hills Country Club 5502 Mussetter Rd, Ijamsville, 301-694-8322 www.hollyhillsgolf.com

Nestled in the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains, Holly Hills offers members and guests a wonderful opportunity to enjoy scenic views and a challenging 18-hole qolf course.

# Jefferson

ATTRACTIONS Distillery Lane Ciderworks

5533 Gapland Rd, Jefferson, 301-834-8920 www.distillerylaneciderworks.com

Maryland's first producer of hard cider. Located on a historic farm near Burkittsville with more than 3,000 apple trees harvested for eating, baking and cider. &

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Gathland State Park 900 Arnoldstown Rd, Jefferson, 301-791-4767 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/western/gathland.aspx Home of Civil War journalist George Alfred

Townsend and War Correspondents Memorial at the site of Crampton's Gap and the Battle of South Mountain.

# Kensington

ATTRACTIONS Washington D.C. Temple Visitors Center

9900 Stoneybrook Dr, Kensington, 301-587-0144 www.lds.org/locations/washington-dc-

temple-visitors-center?lang=eng

Center featuring a Christus statue, films and exhibits on the life of Christ and explanations of church beliefs; offers free admission, guided tours. &

# Lake Arbor

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Northampton Plantation and Slave Quarters

Lake Overlook Dr between Water Port Ct & Lake Overlook PI, Northlake Residential Development, Lake Arbor, 301-627-1286 http://www.pgparks.com/3009/ northampton-plantation-slave-quarters

The site of two rebuilt foundations of durations slave quarters and self-guided tours about the lives of enslaved and free African Americans (1790-1930).

### Landover

#### SPORTS FedExField

1600 FedEx Way, Landover, 301-276-6000 www.redskins.com

One of the largest stadiums in the National Football League and home to the Washington Redskins, located northeast of Washington, D.C. 농

## Laurel

# ATTRACTIONS

National Wildlife Visitor Center Patuxent Research Refuge 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, 301-497-5763

www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent

Wildlife in its native habitat (forest, wetland, meadow) with interactive state-of-the-art exhibits and trails as well as a seasonal tram tour.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Laurel Museum 817 Main St, Laurel, 301-725-7975 www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org

Living museum and exhibits of Laurel's history inside an 1840s mill worker's house with research library, museum shop and group tours by appointment. Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site 9650 Muirkirk Rd, Laurel, 301-377-7817 http://history.pgparks.com/3044/ montpelier-mansion-historic-site

Georgian-style estate offering teas, exhibits, craft nights, festivals, gardens with a boxwood maze and 70 scenic acres with an original summerhouse. \$

# SPORTS

Laurel Park Rt 198 & Racetrack Rd, Laurel, 301-725-0400

www.laurelpark.com Maryland Jockey Club and a Thoroughbred track (dating to 1911) offering a premier locale for live horse racing and simulcasting. & \$

# Laytonsville

ATTRACTIONS

Waredaca Brewing Company 4017 Damascus Rd, Laytonsville, 301-774-2337 www.waredacabrewing.com

Picturesque farm brewery focusing on high-quality, approachable ales using farmgrown ingredients. Between Baltimore, Frederick and Washington, D.C.

# EVENT FACILITIES

Tusculum Farm 4601 Damascus Rd, Laytonsville 1-833-RED-BARN www.tusculumfarm.com

www.tusculuiIIIdiIII.com

A historic luxury B&B and events venue on a working farm, perfectly located between DC and Baltimore. Fully customizable for gatherings of any size.  $\overleftarrow{}$ 

#### See ad on page 36.

### SPORTS

Blue Mash Golf Course 5821 Olney-Laytonsville Rd, Laytonsville, 301-670-1966 www.bluemash.com

www.biuemasn.com

Arthur Hills Championship Course in the heart of Montgomery County, was voted the best public course in MD and VA by readers of *The Washington Post.* 

# Middletown

ATTRACTIONS Mazzaroth Vineyard 8333 Myersville Rd, Middletown, 301-639-0303

www.mazzarothvineyard.com Family-run boutique winery that is passionate about crafting premium Maryland wines; offering tastings or tours by appointment.

South Mountain Creamery 8305 Bolivar Rd, Middletown, 301-371-8565

www.southmountaincreamery.com

Maryland's first on-site dairy processing plant along the Ice Cream Trail with tours, ice cream, calves and demonstrations of how cows are milked.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

South Mountain Battlefield State Park 6620 Zittlestown Rd, Middletown, 301-791-4767

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/ western/southmountainbattlefield.aspx

The South Mountain (Crampton's, Fox's and Turner's) state battlefield at the site of the September 14, 1862 battle days before the Battle of Antietam. Washington Monument State Park 6620 Zittlestown Rd, Middletown, 301-432-8065 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/western/washington.aspx

Site of the first monument to "Father of Our Country," George Washington with birdwatching in Cumberland Valley and hiking on the Appalachian Trail. &

### Mitchellville

SPORTS

Enterprise Golf Course 2802 Enterprise Rd, Mitchellville, 301-249-2040 www.pgparks.com/facilities/facility/ details/enterprise-golf-course-74

Premier public golf course in the mid-Atlantic region that opened in 1976 on the historic property of the former Newton White Diary Farm.

### **Mount Airy**

ATTRACTIONS

Black Ankle Vineyards 14463 Black Ankle Rd, Mount Airy, 301-829-3338 www.blackankle.com

Delicious European-style wines sustainably grown on a beautiful 142-acre farm with scenic rolling hills and a unique straw bale tasting room. &

Dragonfly Farms Vineyard and Winery POBox 10, Mount Airy, 240-353-8408 www.dffarms.com

One of Maryland's finest boutique wineries producing wine sangria and making appearances at Maryland Wine and Love Happiness Sangria events.

Elk Run Vineyards

15113 Liberty Rd, Mount Airy, 410-775-2513 www.elkrun.com

Linganore Winecellars

www.linganorewines.com

14001 Liberty Rd, Mount Airy,

www.loewvineyards.net

**MISCellaneous Distillery** 

www.miscdistillerv.com

fruit wine tastings.

Loew Vineyards

301-831-5464

240-394-MISC

more information.

301-831-5889

farm setting.

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Winery offering tranguility at an 80-acre

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all about. Visit our website for hours and

premium estate-bottled wine, tastings,

tours and a picnic area available. &

114 S Main St B103, Mount Airy,

**Red Shedman Farm Brewery** 

13601 Glissans Mill Rd, Mount Airy,

12 craft brews and ciders are featured

with light fare in the taproom and deck,

plus live music on Sat nights in a beautiful

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vinevard on 230 acres of rolling hills with

award-winning grape and semi-sweet pure

The most-awarded local winery mixing New World technology with Old World traditions to produce the highest-quality wine, and offering tastings.

# National Harbor

Capital Wheel at National Harbor 141 American Way, National Harbor, 301-842-8650

https://thecapitalwheel.com

Ferris wheel for exploring the lights, sights and sounds of the Nation's Capital with a vantage at 180 ft. over the Potomac River. & \$

MGM National Harbor 101 MGM National Ave, National Harbor, 844-346-4664

#### www.mgmnationalharbor.com

A luxury gaming resort destination offering live entertainment, fine dine and fast-casual restaurants, nightlife, 308 hotel rooms, a spa & salon plus 50,000 sq. ft of meeting space.

#### See ad on the Inside Back Cover.

#### **National Harbor**

165 Waterfront St, National Harbor, 301-203-4170, 1-877-NATL-HBR www.nationalharbor.com

Exciting community with hotels, restaurants, entertainment venues, shops, residences and offices along tree-lined promenades and relaxing spaces.

Urban Pirates-National Harbor 151 National Plaza S Pier Slip 90,

National Harbor, 301-300-0895 www.urbanpirates.com

Climb aboard the *Relentless* for an interactive adventure sailing the waters of the Potomac River. School groups, camps, corporate events and charters available. & \$

### North Bethesda

# ARTS & CULTURE

Strathmore 5301 Tuckerman Ln, North Bethesda, 301-581-5100 www.strathmore.org

A campus for the arts hosting a 1,976-seat music center, a 100-seat concert hall in the Mansion, art exhibitions, tea time and family festivals.

# North Brentwood

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Prince George's African American Museum & Cultural Center 4519 Rhode Island Ave, North Brentwood, 301-809-0440

www.pgaamcc.org

Empowering the community through the cultivation, preservation and presentation of the cultural and artistic contributions of local African Americans.

# Olney

### ARTS & CULTURE

Olney Theatre Center 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, Olney, 301-924-3400 www.olneytheatre.org

Offers a diverse array of professional productions year-round that enrich, nurture and challenge a broad range of artists, audiences and students. &

#### ATTRACTIONS

#### **Olney Winery**

18127 Town Center Dr, Olney, 301-570-1907 www.olneywinery.com

More than 30 locally-fermented wines made from grape products sourced from all over the world; offering a tasting room seven days a week. &

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# ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Oakley Cabin African American Museum and Park 3610 Brookeville Rd, Olney, 301-650-4373 www.oakleycabin.org

Built in the late 19th-century, this is an excellent example of an African-American tenant family home in Montgomery County.

# Oxon Hill

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Oxon Cove Park & Oxon Hill Farm 6411 Oxon Hill Rd, Oxon Hill, 301-839-1176 www.nps.gov/oxhi

Old-fashioned farm with daily chore, machinery and equipment demonstrations as well as animals, a hay barn, feed room, equipment shed and workroom.

# Poolesville

#### ATTRACTIONS

Rocklands Farm Winery & Market 14525 Montevideo Rd, Poolesville, 301-825-8075

www.rocklandsfarmmd.com

Working farm and winery on a historical property with wine tastings, pasture-raised meats, events and education.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

John Poole House 19923 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, 301-407-0777 www.historicmedley.org/visit/

john-poole-house

Poolesville's earliest building (c. 1793) with an early 19th-century general store, Civil War memorabilia and arboretum.

Seneca Schoolhouse Museum 16800 River Rd, Poolesville, 301-407-0777 www.historicmedley.org/visit/ seneca-schoolhouse

Fully furnished, one-room school museum with classes, a gift shop and picnic area.

# Potomac

# ARTS & CULTURE

Glenstone Museum 12100 Glen Rd, Potomac, 301-983-5001 www.glenstone.org

Contemporary art museum in Potomac (15 miles from downtown Washington, D.C.) with 1,300 works from post-WWII artists. Distinctive setting. \$

#### HISTORY & HERITAGE C&O Canal National Historical

Park-Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center 11710 MacArthur Blvd, Potomac, 301-767-3714

www.nps.gov/choh

Great Falls Tavern area features a visitor center, replica canal boat rides, views of the Great Falls of the Potomac and the Billy Goat trail. د الله

# **Riverdale Park**

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Riversdale House Museum 4811 Riverdale Rd, Riverdale Park, 301-864-0420

http://history.pgparks.com/3023/ riversdale-house-museum

Federal-period manor home and interpretive garden offering tours, programs and special events.  $\& \$ 

# Rockville

# ARTS & CULTURE

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre 603 Edmonston Dr, Rockville Civic Center, Rockville, 240-314-8690

www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?nid=382
A 446-seat facility for the performing arts

used primarily by conference groups, community theatre groups and professional touring companies.

### ATTRACTIONS

7 Locks Brewing 12227 Wilkens Ave, Rockville, 301-841-7123 www.7locksbrewing.com

No-frills local neighborhood spot in Rockville that makes the perfect setting for sipping fresh craft beers in a relaxing atmosphere. &

#### True Respite Brewing Co.

7301 Calhoun PI Ste 600, Rockville, 301-284-8447 www.truerespite.com

Where great beer and a relaxed environment turn strangers into friends. &

#### Twin Valley Distillers 711 E Gude Dr Bay D, Rockville,

240-421-1115 www.twinvalleydistillers.com

Still that produced the first bourbon made from start to finish in Maryland; now offering tours and tastings in the taproom.

Beall-Dawson House 103 W Montgomery Ave, Rockville, 301-762-1492 https://montgomeryhistory.org/ beall-dawson-house

Overview of Montgomery County history in exhibitions and interactive displays at a 19th-century historic house museum and gardens; free to members. \$

#### Glenview Mansion

603 Edmonston Dr, Rockville, 240-314-8660 www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?nid=389

Elegant 1926 home with significant architecture and polished gardens hosting art gallery exhibitions and monthly Sun afternoon concerts.

#### Jane C. Sween Research Library 42 W Middle Ln, Rockville, 301-340-2974 https://montgomeryhistory.org/ jane-c-sween-library

Research library housing published manuscript and archival collections indispensable to Montgomery County history; free to members. & \$

Josiah Henson Park 11420 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, 301-650-4373 www.montgomeryparks.org/parksand-trails/josiah-henson-park

Site of Isaac Riley Farm where Reverend Josiah Henson, whose 1849 autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, lived and worked.

#### Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation 29 Courthouse Sq, Red Brick Courthouse, Rockville, 301-762-0096 www.peerlessrockville.org

Ongoing special events and tours highlighting Rockville's history, architecture and historic preservation; visitors center and research library on site. &

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#### Stonestreet Museum of 19th-Century Medicine 103 W Montgomery Ave, Rockville,

103 W Montgomery Ave, Rockville, 301-340-2825 https://montgomeryhistory.org/museums

Medical practices of the 1800s displayed in a one-room doctor's office (c. 1852); check online for special days when Dr. Stonestreet is 'in.' \$

# Sandy Spring

# ATTRACTIONS

The Adventure Park at Sandy Spring Friends School 16701 Norwood Rd, Sandy Spring, 240-623-2435

www.sandyspringadventurepark.org

Aerial forest adventure with 13 courses of varying difficulties, consisting of zip lines, more than 150 challenges and family fun for ages five and up.

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https://sandyspringadventurepark.org Aerial forest adventure with 13 courses of varying difficulty levels, consisting of

ziplines and more than 150 challenges.

Offers family fun for ages five and up.

Cultural arts center where people can

exploring community history through visual,

develop meaningful connections by

17901 Bentley Rd, Sandy Spring,

www.sandyspringmuseum.org

literary and performing arts. &

& African Art Gallery, Inc.

Sandy Spring Slave Museum

18524 Brooke Rd, Sandy Spring,

www.sandyspringslavemuseum.org

Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park

16501 Norwood Rd, Sandy Spring,

Manor Museum highlights area's

8633 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring,

www.woodlawnmanor.org

open by guided tour. &

Silver Spring

**ARTS & CULTURE** 

301-495-6700

ATTRACTIONS

301-557-9818

www.afi.com/silver

Museum campus boasting four displays:

the cross-section of a slaving Clipper ship.

a slavery-era log cabin, an arts pavilion and

Features Underground Railroad experience

**AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center** 

American Film Institute's flagship exhibition

Craft brewery with two-level taproom, a 200-

seat dog-friendly beer garden, 10 rotating

taps and seasonal made-for-beer fare.

space with the best in American and

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www.denizensbrewingco.com

festivals, retrospectives). &

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# CAPITAL REGION

#### **Great Shoals Winery**

14526 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, 301-706-7568 www.greatshoals.com

Hand-crafted, award-winning and unique hard ciders, wines and sparkling wines from a wide variety of fruits grown by local farm partners.

#### Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, 301-680-6000 www.adventist.org

Tours include a visit to the in-house estate of church co-founder Ellen G. White as well as a stop in the multi-media visitors center.

Wheaton Ice Arena 11717 Orebaugh Ave, Silver Spring,

301-905-3000 www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-

trails/wheaton-regional-park-ice-arena

All year round public ice skating, group lessons for all levels, summer camp, ice shows, figure skating and ice hockey. & \$

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Arrest Site of William Chaplin Jesup Blair Park, Georgia Avenue & Blair Road, Silver Spring, 301-650-4373 www.hmdb.org/marker.asp? marker=109230

Chaplin, involved in a failed escape of 77 people from Washington, D.C., was captured during a shoot-out. Outdoor exhibit describes these events.

#### National Museum of Health

and Medicine 2500 Linden Ln, Silver Spring, 301-319-3300 www.medicalmuseum.mil

www.meuicamuseum.mm

Established as the Army Medical Museum during the Civil War, the exhibits are all about the past, present and future of American military medicine.

# Suitland

## HISTORY & HERITAGE

Airman Memorial Museum 5211 Auth Rd, Suitland, 301-899-3500 www.hqafsa.org

Museum displaying the stories of Air Force enlisted personnel and preserving the heritage of U.S. Airmen from the dawn of flight to the Space Age. &

# Takoma Park

ATTRACTIONS

Montgomery College Planetarium 7621 Fenton St, Takoma Park, 301 650-1463 www2.montgomerycollege.edu/ departments/planet

Planetarium located on a college campus and open to the public with a schedule that varies month by month. See website for information. &

## Thurmont

#### ATTRACTIONS

Blue Blazes Whiskey Still 6602 Foxville Rd, Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, 301-663-9388 https://www.nps.gov/cato/learn/ historyculture/still.htm

Ruins of a genuine whiskey still from Prohibition days with the National Park Service operating interpretive programs. Catoctin Breeze Vineyard & Winery 15010 Roddy Rd, Thurmont, 240-578-3831 www.catoctinbreeze.com

A range of varietals and blended wines are produced as well as a selection of meads with wine tastings and private tours on site. &

Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo 13019 Catoctin Furnace Rd, Thurmont, 301-271-4922 https://catoctinwildlifepreserve.com

Wonderful adventures and exciting new animal friends await you. More than 500 animals on 50 beautiful acres; up-close educational shows and visits. 4, \$

### Loy's Station Covered Bridge

Old Frederick Rd, off Rt 77, Thurmont, 301-600-4047, 1-800-999-3613 https://www.visitfrederick.org/listing/ loys-station-covered-bridge/268/

Historic 90-ft. covered bridge (c. 1848) over Owen's Creek with an adjoining park providing a picnic and play area for families and kids.

#### Roddy Road Covered Bridge 1470 Roddy Rd, Thurmont,

301-600-4047, 1-800-999-3613 https://www.visitfrederick.org/listing/ roddy-road-covered-bridge/272/

This 40-ft., single-span covered bridge built in 1856 stretches over Owen's Creek at the site of one of the area's finest trout streams.

### Springfield Manor Winery

and Distillery

11836 Auburn Rd, Thurmont, 301-271-0099 www.springfieldmanor.com/home2.html

Large historic estate featuring wines, craft beer and award-winning bourbon, whiskey, rum, gin and brandy and with the ability to host 300 seated quests.

# Utica Covered Bridge

Utica Rd, Thurmont, 301-600-4047, 1-800-999-3613 www.visitfrederick.org/listing/ utica-covered-bridge/284/

Historic covered bridge (c. 1850) nestled in the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Catoctin Furnace Cunningham Falls State Park, Catoctin Furnace Rd Rt 806, Thurmont, 443-463-6437

www.catoctinfurnace.org

Founders and miners came together under the iron master's supervision; trails lead to the furnace at this iron forge dating from 1776 to 1905.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Cunningham Falls State Park 14039 Catoctin Hollow Rd, Thurmont, 301-271-7574

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/ western/cunningham.aspx

State park full of scenic beauty, history and a 78-ft. cascading waterfall with hunting, swimming, beaches, boat rentals, hiking and camping. & \$ +

### Ole Mink Farm



12806 Mink Farm Rd, Thurmont, 301-271-7012 www.oleminkfarm.com

Luxury Log Cabin rentals, some pet-friendly, seasonal campsites and a Rental Hall for business meetings or family gatherings. &\$

# Upper Marlboro

ATTRACTIONS

Calvert Brewing Company/ Taproom and Production Brewery 15850 Commerce Ct, Upper Marlboro, 240-245-4609 www.calvertbrewingcompany.com

One of 10 breweries in the world to utilize the American-made IDD mash filtration system which allows them to brew more quickly and efficiently.

#### Six Flags America



13710 Central Ave, Upper Marlboro, 301-249-1500

www.sixflags.com/america

Thrilling theme and water park featuring more than 100 rides, shows and attractions. Ten Coasters, four kids' areas and water park, plus seasonal events. & \$

#### See ad on page 6.

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Columbia Air Center 16000 Croom Airport Rd, Patuxuent River

Park, Upper Marlboro, 301-627-6074 http://www.pgparks.com/3053/ columbia-air-center

First African-American owned/operated airport in Maryland with an outdoor exhibit area that interprets aviation history.

#### Elizabeth Keckly Burial Site National Harmony Memorial Park, 7101 Sheriff Rd, Upper Marlboro, 301-772-0900 www.nationalharmony.com

Mrs. Keckly, Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress, raised funds and collected donations for newly emancipated enslaved people that sought refuge in the capital.

### OUTDOOR RECREATION Chesapeake Bay Critical

Area Driving Tour 16000 Croom Airport Rd, Patuxent River Park & Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, Upper Marlboro, 301-627-6074 www.pgparks.com/3179/ chesapeake-bay-critical-area-tour

Four-mile tour with exhibits along Patuxent River; tour brochures can be found at the Patuxent River Park Visitors Center.

#### Lake Presidential Golf Club 3151 Presidential Golf Dr, Upper Marlboro, 301-627-8577

www.lakepresidentialgolf.com

Award-winning 18-hole public golf course in Prince George's County. Full-service pro-shop and on-site dining.

# Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary

and Visitor Center 11704 Fenno Rd, Upper Marlboro, 443-510-9920, 1-888-432-2267 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/merkle.aspx

Home to the Western Shore's largest concentration of wintering Canada geese (5,000+) as well as habitats for a wide variety of birds and mammals. &

Patuxent River Park 16000 Croom Airport Rd, Upper Marlboro, 301-627-6074

www.pgparks.com/3436/ patuxent-river-park

Natural habitats with abundant wildlife, guided tours, canoe and kayak rentals, fishing areas, boat ramps, hiking, horseback trails and camping.

### Watkins Regional Park

301 Watkins Park Dr, Upper Marlboro, 301-218-6700 www.mncppc.org/facilities/facility/ details/watkins-regional-park-60

Site of Chesapeake Carousel, an authentic, hand-carved and restored turn-of-thecentury Dentzel carousel with mini train rides and putt-putt golf. &

#### SPORTS

Prince George's Equestrian Center/ Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Ave, Upper Marlboro, 301-952-7900

www.showplacearena.com

Suburban D.C.'s most versatile sports, equestrian, entertainment, trade show and meeting center with more than 49.000-sq. ft. of expo facilities. &

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Worthington Manor Golf Club 8329 Fingerboard Rd, Urbana, 301-874-5400

www.worthingtonmanor.com

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Walkersville Southern Railroad

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Take an hour-and-15-minute ride through the scenic countryside; special events take place every Sat and mystery dinner trains

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### Walkersville ATTRACTIONS

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www.wsrr.ora

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# Wheaton

### ATTRACTIONS

Brookside Gardens 1800 Glenallan Ave, Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton, 301-962-1400 www.brooksidegardens.org

Themed formal gardens, conservatories with seasonal displays, tours, art events, gift shops and an annual butterfly exhibit and holiday light show. &

### Woodsboro

### ATTRACTIONS

Legore Bridge

Legore Bridge Rd, Woodsboro, 301-694-1646, 1-800-999-3613 www.visitfrederick.org/listing/ legore-stone-arch-bridge/267

Magnificent stone bridge that dates as far back as 1898 and opened to the public in 1900.

### VISITOR SERVICES

#### Bowie

# RESERVATION SERVICES

Comfort Inn Conference Center 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie, 301-464-0089 https://bowiemdhotel.com

Full-service hotel with restaurant and bar, free full deluxe hot breakfast buffet and outdoor seasonal pool. Meeting/banquet space for up to 600 guests. & 🐂

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# ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

# **District Heights**

GROUND/MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION Angelic Luxury Coach, Inc.

8739 D'Arcy Rd, District Heights, 301-336-8500 www.angelicluxurycoach.com

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# Emmitsburg

WELCOME CENTERS

Mason Dixon Welcome Center 17300 Catoctin Mountain Hwy, Emmitsburg, 301-447-3719

Welcome center serving traffic headed north on U.S. Hwy 15 and south from Gettysburg.

## Frederick

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

### Visit Frederick

151 S East St, Frederick, 301-600-4047, 1-800-999-3613 www.visitfrederick.org Near Washington, D.C., Baltimore and

Gettysburg. In just one day, visit Maryland's largest craft brewery, see a Civil War battlefield and hike the Appalachian Trail. &

See ad on page 36.

# Hyattsville

WELCOME CENTERS

Maryland Milestones Heritage Center 4318 Gallatin St, Hyattsville, 301-887-0777 www.marylandmilestones.org

Start your exploration of the history, culture, and nature of Maryland Milestones/ Anacostia Trails Heritage Area here. &

# See ad on page 75.

Largo COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES

Experience Prince George's 9200 Basil Ct Ste 101, Largo, 301-925-8300 www.experienceprincegeorges.com

Six Flags America, Clarice Center, National Harbor, Gaylord National Resort, Capital Wheel, FedExField, Topgolf, and the MGM National Resort Casino.

See ad on page 71.

# Myersville

WELCOME CENTERS

#### South Mountain I-70 East Welcome Center

Hwy I-70 Eastbound, between exits 35 & 42, Myersville, 301-293-4172 Named one of "The 15 Most Beautiful Rest Stops" in America by *Architectural Digest*. Serves traffic heading toward Baltmore and Eastern Shore.

#### South Mountain I-70 West

Welcome Center Hwy I-70 Westbound, between exits 42 & 35, Myersville, 301-293-8435 Welcome center serving traffic headed west toward Garrett County.

### Rockville

### **COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES**

Visit Montgomery, MD 1801 Rockville Pike Ste 320, Rockville 240-641-6750, 1-877-789-6904 www.visitmontgomery.com

Montgomery County, Maryland puts endless art, entertainment, attractions and historical sites right at your fingertips — next door to Washington, DC.

See ad on page 75.



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Urban adventures, hometown heart and Chesapeake charm welcome you to your own home away from home in Maryland's monumental Central Region.



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# Aberdeen

#### HISTORY & HERITAGE

# Aberdeen Room Archives

& Museum, Inc. 18 Howard St, Aberdeen, 410-273-6325 www.aberdeenroom.org

Tells the story of Aberdeen and its surrounding area through artifacts, exhibits, displays, a library and exterior story windows.  $\underline{k}$ 

### SPORTS

#### **Ripken Stadium**

873 Long Dr, Aberdeen, 410-306-7599 www.ripkenbaseball.com/aberdeentournaments

Home to the Aberdeen IronBirds, the short season Class A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles.  $\underline{\mathfrak{K}}$ 

# Annapolis

**ARTS & CULTURE** 

Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre Inc. 143 Compromise St, Annapolis, 410-268-9212

www.summergarden.com

Community theater seating 200 and presenting Broadway musicals "under the stars" across from the City Dock. & \$

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase St, Annapolis, 410-263-0907 www.annapolissymphony.org

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#### James E. Lewis Museum of Art 1030 Chesapeake Harbour Dr, Annapolis, 443-885-3030

www.jelmamuseum.org

Founded in 1951, the museum's permanent collection includes a variety of works from the 19th and 20th centuries.

#### Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts 801 Chase St, Annapolis, 410-263-5544,

1-866-438-3808 www.marylandhall.org

Multi-disciplinary arts center providing opportunities for lifelong community participation in arts education, the visual arts and performing arts.

### ATTRACTIONS

### Alex Haley Memorial/

Kunta Kinte Plaque Sidewalk at head of City Dock, Annapolis www.visitannapolis.org

Bronze statue of Alex Haley (author of *Roots*) by nationally acclaimed African-American sculptor Ed Dwight in honor of Haley's ancestor, Kunta Kinte.

Chesapeake Brewing Company 114 West St, Annapolis, 443-783-5705 www.chesbrewco.com

Brewery offering great craft beers, local seafood and creative cocktails in the heart of Annapolis.

#### Chesapeake Children's Museum 25 Silopanna Rd, Annapolis, 410-990-1993 www.theccm.org

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#### The Colonial Players, Inc.

108 East St, Annapolis, 410-268-7373 www.thecolonialplayers.org

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#### Great Frogs Winery 3218 Harness Creek Rd, Annapolis, 410-626-6193 www.greatfrogs.com

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Professional Annapolis theater that inspires, transforms and enriches artists and audiences through the infinite possibilities found only in theater.

#### Maryland Horse Industry Board 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, 410-841-5798 www.mda.maryland.gov/horseboard

The Maryland Horse Industry Board is a commodities board promoting all aspects of the state's \$1.15B equine industry. & \$

#### See ad on page 15.

Maryland State Archives Hall of Records, 350 Rowe Blvd, Annapolis, 410-260-6400, 1-800-235-4045 www.mdsa.net

Maryland's permanent records depository with a public search room for family history, church records, newspapers, maps, photographs and more.

#### U.S. Naval Academy Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center, 52 King George St, Annapolis, 410-293-8687 www.usnabsd.com/for-visitors

U.S. Navy college offering guided walking tours with Beaux Arts architecture at Bancroft Hall (student dorm) and the crypt of John Paul Jones. &

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

#### Annapolis Maritime Museum 723 Second St, Annapolis, 410-295-0104 www.amaritime.org

Museum with maritime heritage, events and concerts, plus tours to Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse and waterfront meeting rooms for private events. &

#### Banneker-Douglass Museum 84 Franklin St, Annapolis, 410-216-6180 www.bdmuseum.maryland.gov

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#### **Chase-Lloyd House**

22 Maryland Ave, Annapolis, 410-263-2723 www.chaselloydhouse.org

Georgian townhouse built by Samuel Chase, lawyer and signer of the Declaration of Independence, dating back to 1769; NHL. \$

#### Government House

State Circle & School sts, Annapolis, 410-974-3531 www.msa.md.gov/msa/homepage/ html/govhouse.html

Colonial Georgian-style mansion and the official residence of Maryland's Governor.

#### Hammond-Harwood House 19 Maryland Ave, Annapolis, 410-263-4683 www.hammondharwoodhouse.org

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www.annapolis.org Discover new exhibition "Freedom Bound: Runaways of the Chesapeake" and learn stories of resistance to servitude and slavery in the Chesapeake region.

#### Hogshead

43 Pinkney St, Annapolis, 410-267-7619 www.annapolis.org

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Maryland State House 100 State Cir, Annapolis, 1-800-235-4045 www.statehouse.md.gov

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Hampstead

Matthew Henson Plaque State House, Annapolis, 410-974-3400 www.visitannapolis.org/discover/ articles/african-americanhistory-in-anne-arundel-county

Plaque inside the State House rotunda honoring Matthew Henson, the African-American explorer who discovered the North Pole (1909) with Admiral Peary.

The Stanton Community Center 92 W Washington St, Annapolis, 410-295-5519 www.annapolis.gov

Built in 1898 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this center once served as the first African-American school in Annapolis.

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Mouth of the South River, Annapolis, 415-362-7255

www.thomaspointlighthouse.org

(1875) and surviving screwpile offshore lighthouses on the Chesapeake Bay; a national landmark best seen by boat.

#### Thurgood Marshall Memorial Lawyer's Mall, Maryland State House, Annapolis, 410-974-3400 https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/stagser/ s1259/121/6259/html/0001.html

Memorial for the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, who served for 24 years with a famous case ending racial segregation in public schools.

Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center, Inc 1101 Smithville St, Annapolis, 410-263-1860

www.whbateslegacycenter.org

This 1932 high school on the National Register of Historic Places served black students from Annapolis and Anne Arundel County for over three decades. &

William Paca House and Garden 186 Prince George St, Annapolis, 410-990-4543 www.annapolis.org

Tour inside the Colonial mansion of signer of the Declaration of Independence, William Paca, walking through his luxurious twoacre Colonial garden. క్ర

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Annapolis Fishing Charters LLC 222 Severn Ave, Annapolis, 410-570-4632 www.annapolisfishingcharters.com

Sport fishing on the Chesapeake Bay aboard Dancer, 37 ft. sport fishing boat. Coast Guard approved and certified for up to 12 passengers. Departs Annapolis Harbor.

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410-974-2149 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/sandypoint.aspx

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# **Annapolis Junction**

# HISTORY & HERITAGE

National Cryptologic Museum 8290 Colony 7 Rd, Annapolis Junction, 301-688-5849 www.nsa.aov

Collection contains thousands of artifacts depicting the history of cryptology (codes and cyphers) and its importance to U.S. security.

# Baltimore

ARTS & CULTURE Amaranthine Museum 2010 Clipper Park Rd, Baltimore, 410-523-2574

www.baltimoreculture.org/users/ amaranthine-museum#.wzkis1vkjry

Labyrinthine museum with more than 200 pieces of art by Les Harris. Exhibit walks through time from the contemporary mind to the origin of consciousness. §

American Visionary Art Museum Baltimore Inner Harbor, 800 Key Hwy, Baltimore, 410-244-1900 www.avam.org

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# Arena Players

801 McCulloh St, Baltimore, 410-728-6500 www.arenaplayersinc.com

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Baltimore Center Stage 700 North Calvert St, Baltimore, 410-332-0033 www.centerstage.org

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#### The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Culture Center 847 N Howard St, Baltimore, 410-225-3130 www.eubieblake.org

The life and music of Baltimore musician Eubie Blake, Billie Holiday, Cab Calloway and others.  $\underline{\mathfrak{G}}$ 

### Maryland Art Place

218 Ŵ Saratoga St, Baltimore, 410-962-8565 www.mdartplace.org Center for contemporary arts that inspires,

supports and encourages artistic expression through galleries, studios, free events and workshops.

#### Patricia & Arthur Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric

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www.peabody.jhu.edu

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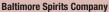
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601 S President St, Baltimore, 443-220-0290 www.baltimorecivilwarmuseum.com

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#### See ad page 7.

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www.diamondbackbeer.com

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www.fulltiltbrewina.com

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www.rawlingsconservatory.org

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#### **Inner Harbor**

Pratt & Light sts, Baltimore, 410-332-4191 www.baltimore.org/article/baltimoreinner-harbor

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#### See ad on the Back Cover.

Peabody Heights Brewery 401 E 30th St, Baltimore, 410-467-7837 www.peabodyheightsbrewery.com

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#### **Sherwood Gardens**

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#### See ad on page 89.

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#### **Urban Pirates-Baltimore**

911 S Ann St, Baltimore, 410-327-8378 www.urbanpirates.com

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#### EVENT FACILITES

Baltimore Convention Center 1 W Pratt St, Baltimore, 410-649-7000 www.bccenter.org

Prime location for conventions, tradeshows and expositions in the mid-Atlantic region.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Babe Ruth Birthplace & Museum 216 Emory St, Baltimore, 410-727-1539 www.baberuthmuseum.org

Learn of the life and times of George Herman "Babe" Ruth, Baltimore's native son who became an American and international sports celebrity and icon. §  $\$ 

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum 901 W Pratt St, Baltimore, 410-752-2490 www.borail.org

Museum at the birthplace of American railroading with the most important railroad collection in the world; seasonal train rides and free parking. &

Baltimore Museum of Industry 1415 Key Hwy, Baltimore, 410-727-4808 www.thebmi.org

Museum celebrating the innovators, entrepreneurs and workers who propelled this port city into the industrial age and beyond. & \$

#### Baltimore National Heritage Area Walking Tours & Trails 401 Light St, Baltimore, 410-878-6411 www.explorebaltimore.org

Charm City heritage and landmarks from the War of 1812 and Civil War, retelling stories of this port city and its people's struggles and triumphs. & \$ Baltimore Streetcar Museum 1901 Falls Rd, Baltimore, 410-547-0264 www.baltimorestreetcarmuseum.org

Outstanding collection chronicling Baltimore street railway history from 1859 to 1963 with rides, displays, tours, a video and museum store on site. & \$

#### Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 409 N Cathedral St, Baltimore, 410-727-3565

www.baltimorebasilica.org

The first metropolitan cathedral constructed in America following the adoption of the Constitution. Completed in 1821. &

#### **Carroll Mansion**

800 E Lombard St, Baltimore, 410-605-2964 www.carrollmuseums.org

Winter home of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. \$

### **Dugan's Wharf**

National Aquarium Pier 4, 501 E Pratt St, Baltimore http://aqua.org/about/maryland/

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http://www.poeinbaltimore.org/

Historic Landmark for events and

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Experience Frederick Douglass's life

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sites of resistance. Stop at places where

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www.bdx443.com/bbh-tours.html

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www.explorebaltimore.org

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maritime-park

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203 N Amity St, Baltimore, 410-462-1763

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Charles St, Baltimore, 410-516-0341

http://www.museums.jhu.edu/evergreen.php

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Impressionist paintings, rare books, Tiffany

1724 Thames St, Baltimore, 410-878-6411

glass, Japanese netsuke and Baltimore's

#### Edgar Allan Poe House National Historic Landmark

Historic Ships in Baltimore 301 E Pratt St Pier 1, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, 410-539-1797 www.historicships.org

Homeport to USS *Constellation*, the submarine USS *Torsk*, USGC Cutter*Taney*, Lightship 116 *Chesapeake* and the Seven-Foot Knoll Lighthouse. & \$

#### See ad on page 89.

Homewood Museum/ The Johns Hopkins University 3400 N Charles St, Baltimore, 410-516-5589

www.museums.jhu.edu

One of the best examples of Federal-period architecture, with an intimate look at life in early-19th-century Baltimore. NHL. \$

#### Irish Shrine and Railroad Workers Museum

920 Lemmon St, Baltimore, 410-347-4747 *www.irishshrine.org* 

Built in 1848 and displaying the life of an Irish-immigrant family in the 1860s with exhibits relating to Irish-American history and local life.

# Jewish Museum of Maryland

15 Lloyd St, Baltimore, 410-732-6400, 1-877-376-7190 www.jewishmuseummd.org

www.jewisiinuseuninu.org

From poignant to whimsical, comfortably familiar to downright bizarre, museum tells the stories of Maryland's Jewish communities. & \$

#### Maryland 911 Memorial World Trade Center, 401 E Pratt St, Baltimore, 410-767-7911 www.msac.org/node/35491

Memorial at Balitmore's Inner Harbor commemorating Marylanders who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks; free audio tour available.

Maryland Historical Society Museum 201 W Monument St, Baltimore, 410-685-3750

www.mdhs.org

Discover Maryland's history with Civil War and War of 1812 exhibitions, our nation's anthem, antique silver, art, furniture, folk art and a Maryland library. & \$

#### Mother Seton House and Historic Seminary Chapel

600 N Paca St, Baltimore, 410-728-6464 www.stmaryspacast.org

Historic site and home to the first Roman Catholic Seminary in the U.S. (1791) and Elizabeth Ann Seton (1808), the first U.S. born canonized saint.

Mount Clare Museum House 1500 Washington Blvd, Carroll Park, Baltimore, 410-837-3262 www.mountclare.org

The 1760 Georgian mansion of Charles Carroll interpreting 18th-century life with a collection of Carroll family furniture and decorative arts. \$

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#### National Museum of Dentistry 31 S Greene St, Baltimore, 410-706-0600 www.dentalmuseum.org

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#### Phoenix Shot Tower (1828) 801 E Fayette St, Baltimore, 410-605-2964 www.carrollmuseums.org

Built in 1828, the tower was the tallest building in the U.S. until 1846 and manufactured 2.5 million pounds of "drop" shot annually. \$

#### **President Street Station**

601 S President St, Baltimore, 443-220-0290

www.baltimorecivilwarmuseum.com Stories of the Civil War, Underground

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#### Pride of Baltimore II

Inner Harbor, Baltimore, 410-539-1151 www.pride2.org

A reconstruction of an early-19th-century Baltimore Clipper with deck tours or day sails and sailing as a guest crew between ports of call.

### **Reddy Gray Burial Site**

Loudon Park National Cemetery, 3445 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore, 410-644-9696 www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/loudonpark.asp

Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture 830 E Pratt St, Baltimore, 443-263-1800 www.lewismuseum.org

Smithsonian affiliate offering exhibits about African-American history and culture, performances, workshops, genealogy resources and a soul food cafe. & \$

#### The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House 844 E Pratt St, Baltimore, 410-837-1793 www.flaghouse.org

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#### Washington Monument and Mount Vernon Place

699 N Charles St, Baltimore, 410-962-5070 www.mvpconservancy.org

First monument to Washington in the U.S (1815) at 178 ft. tall with marble column at the center of four park squares of Mount Vernon Place; NHLD. &

# Westminster Burying Ground

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### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Lake Roland 1000 Lakeside Dr, Baltimore, 410-887-4156 www.lakeroland.org

More than 500-acres with numerous trails, a dog park, nature center, playground, pavilions and waterfront activities, such as canoeing and kayaking.

#### SPORTS

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Home field for the National Football League's Baltimore Ravens. Call for schedule. &

Maryland Sports 333 W Camden St Ste 500, Baltimore, 410-223-4158 www.marylandsports.us

We are the Sports Commission for the State of Maryland, enhancing Maryland's economy, image and quality of life through sport tourism. the

#### See ad on page 14.

Oriole Park at Camden Yards 333 W Camden St, Baltimore, 1-888-848-BIRD www.orioles.com

Home to American League baseball team, the Baltimore Orioles, hosting 81 home games and public and private tours for the whole family. & \$

#### Pimlico Race Course Hayward & Winner aves, Baltimore, 410-542-9400 www.pimlico.com

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# **Bel Air**

#### ATTRACTIONS

AleCraft Brewery 319 S Main St, Bel Air, 410-420-5102 www.alecraftbrewing.com

Brewery offering a taproom, growlers and a growing selection of quality supplies and ingredients for beer, mead and wine making. &

#### Independent Brewing Co. 418 N Main St, Bel Air, 410-836-8313

www.independentbrew.com Brewery in Bel Air making small batch

artisanal ales and ciders with locally grown ingredients from Harford County; 26 taps and gluten free beers.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

### **Tudor Hall**

17 Tudor Ln, Bel Air, 443-619-0008 www.spiritsoftudorhall.blogspot.com

Connect with a fascinating piece of American history here at the childhood home of John Wilkes Booth.

# Catonsville

### ATTRACTIONS

Benjamin Banneker Planetarium Catonsville Campus Building, Rm MASH-030A, 800 S Rolling Rd, Catonsville, 443-840-4560

www.ccbcmd.edu/catonsvilleplanetarium

Free celestial shows (Fri/Sat) exploring the frontiers of space with no reservations or tickets required; private shows require reservations. &

# Cockeysville

### ATTRACTIONS

Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park

1114 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, 410-887-8973

www.marylandagriculture.org

An agricultural resource center on a 149-acre property on the corner of Shawan and Cuba roads.

#### **Wonderfly Games**

9711 Monroe St, Cockeysville, 410-891-2093, 1-844-344-2867 www.wonderflygames.com

Game center offering Bubble Balls, Arrow Tag and Giant Hamster Balls; perfect for parties, team building and special events. \$

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#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Historical Society of Baltimore County 9811 Van Buren Ln, Cockeysville, 410-666-1878 www.hsobc.org

More than 10,000 cultural artifacts and photographs, 3,300 books and 7,700 genealogy files related to Baltimore County's history. & \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Park 13555 Beaver Dam Rd, Cockeysville, 410-887-1815

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www.tobysdinnertheatre.com

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**Robinson Nature Center** 

www.howardcountymd.gov/

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### ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

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www.africanartmuseum.org

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Halethorpe

ATTRACTIONS

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Hampstead

ATTRACTIONS

410-374-6596

3600 Cattail Creek Dr, Glenwood,

**Guinness Open Gate Brewery** 

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www.guinnessbrewerybaltimore.com

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SPORTS

**Galesville Heritage Museum** 

988 Main St, Galesville, 410-867-9499

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www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org

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**ARTS & CULTURE** 

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# Cooksville

# ATTRACTIONS

Penn Oaks Winery 14607 Riggs Meadow Dr, Cooksville, 301-562-8592 www.marylandsbest.net/producer/ penn-oaks-winery

Taste nine varieties during scheduled tasting events; winery is conveniently located next to Washington, D.C., and only 45 minutes from Baltimore

### Deale

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

LoosenUp Charter Fishing 533 Deale Rd, Deale, 202-369-8203 www.loosenupcharters.com

Whether serious fishing or out on a bay cruise, we will makes life on the water a pleasure. Max charter size is 38 people.

# Dundalk

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Battle Acre Monument** 3219 Old North Point Rd, Dundalk, 410-887-8040

https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/ Agencies/recreation/programdivision/ community/graycharles/battleacre.html

Commemorates the 5th Regiment's defensive position against an attack by the British in 1814.

### Edgewater

ATTRACTIONS

**Historic London Town and Gardens** 839 Londontown Rd, Edgewater, 410-222-1919

www.historiclondontown.org

Colonial seaport with interactive exhibits, reconstructed buildings, tavern (c. 1760) and 10 acres of beautiful woodland and ornamental gardens. \$

# Smithsonian Environmental

**Research Center** 647 Contees Wharf Rd, Edgewater, 443-482-2200 www.serc.si.edu

Center offering lectures, activities for environmental sciences, walking trails, canoeing and kayaking; guided canoe tours from Jun-Sept (Sat). &

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Casa Rio Marina

4079 Cradle Creek Rd, Edgewater, 410-798-4731 www.casariomarina.com

Marina for do-it-yourself spaces and slips, full haul and storage, engine repair, crane services, washing and blocking, painting

# and winterization. Elkridge

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Thomas Viaduct** 

6086 Old Lawyers Hill, Levering Ave W of Rt 1. Elkridge

www.asce.org/project/thomas-viaductrailroad-bridge

Once the largest railroad bridge (c. 1836) in the U.S. that transported troops and supplies between Baltimore and D.C. during the Civil War.

# **Ellicott City**

# ATTRACTIONS

Clark's Elioak Farm 10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, 410-730-4049 www.clarklandfarm.com

Lovely petting farm with wide variety of farm animals, pony rides, hayrides, play areas and picnic tables. New home of many Enchanted Forest attractions. & \$

#### The Columbia Orchestra 8510 High Ridge Rd, Ellicott City, 410-465-8777

www.columbiaorchestra.org

Community orchestra that performs four classical concerts a season, pops, holiday concerts and two Young People's Concerts at the Jim Rouse Theatre. \$

#### **Ellicott Mills Brewing Company** 8308 Main St, Ellicott City, 410-313-8141 www.ellicottmillsbrewing.com

Brew company importing the finest ingredients from the four corners of the globe to produce the finest beers in the region

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**B&O Ellicott City Station Museum** 3711 Maryland Ave, Ellicott City, 410-313-1945 www.howardcountymd.gov/ baltimore-ohio-station-at-ellicott-city

America's oldest surviving railroad station (1830) offering a variety of different programs, educational tours and community events. \$

### **Ellicott City Firehouse Museum**

3829 Church Rd, Ellicott City, 410-313-0420 www.ellicottcity.net/tourism/attractions/ ellicott\_city\_fire\_station

Museum detailing firefighting history with memorabilia, uniforms, photographs and exhibits about techniques used through the years. 🕏

#### Howard County First Courthouse Site Ellicott Mills Drive at Main St, Ellicott City, 410-313-4700

www.howardcountymd.gov/rap/heritage

The first Howard County Courthouse. It housed judicial proceedings including those involving enslaved runaways and those inciting insurrection.

# **Howard County Historical**

Society Museum 8328 Court Ave, Ellicott City, 410-480-3250 www.hchsmd.ora

Former church (1894) with historic exhibits of Howard county life and history programs for adults and children; available for wedding and events. &

#### Patapsco Female Institute Historic Park 3655 Church Rd, Ellicott City, 410-313-0420 www.howardcountvmd.gov/ natanscofemaleinstitute

Former girls' school (1837) on land donated by the Ellicott brothers; stabilized ruins with garden, park events and programs about 19th-century history.

#### Thomas Isaac Log Cabin

8398 Main St, Ellicott City, 410-313-0420 www.ellicottcity.net/tourism/attractions/ thomas\_isaac

Cabins and costumed docents revealing various aspects of Ellicott's Mills, an 18thcentury Quaker mill town, and the birth of the National Road.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

# Patapsco Valley State Park

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Natural and historical features within a beautiful state park along 32 miles of the Patapsco River encompassing 16,000 acres and recreation areas. 🕹 \$

# SHOPPING

Gramp's Attic Books 8304 Main St, Ellicott City, 410-750-9235 https://visitoldellicottcity.com/item/ gramps-attic-books/

General used-book shop with books in many categories; used, old and rare books and specialties in maritime and medicine.

Main Street Oriental Rugs 8290 Main St, Ellicott City, 410-988-4959 www.mainstreetorientalrugs.com

A vast assortment of the finest, handmade Persian and oriental carpets for your viewing pleasure-come and feast your eyes. &

# Primitive Beginnings

8247 Main St, Ellicott City, 410-777-9240 www.primitivebeginnings.com

Unique finds for the everyday girl/woman who wants to simplify her life with effortless and stylish clothing, accessories and home decor.

#### Southwest Connection

8173 Main St, Ellicott City, 443-545-4612 www.ellicottcityshopping.com

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### Essex

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Ballestone Manor House** Rocky Point Golf Course, 1935 Back River Neck Rd, Essex, 410-887-0218, 410-686-5821

Historic house museum with American decorative arts from 1780 to 1880, living history re-enactments and daily tours. \$

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Essex Marina and Boat Sales** 1755 Hilltop Ave, Essex, 410-686-3435 http://essexboatsales.com

One of the largest boat brokerages in the northern Chesapeake Bay with more than 25 years in the same location and a full-service marina.

#### Lucky Lady II

917 Sue Grove Rd, Essex, 410-574-7721 www.luckyladyfishing.com

Fishing charter offering day trips out on the Chesapeake Bay on weekdays or weekends by appointment; max charter size is six people.

# Forest Hill

Harford County. 🕭

#### ATTRACTIONS Harford Vineyard & Winery 1311 W Jarrettsville Rd, Forest Hill, 443-495-1699

www.harfordvineyard.com Winery established in 2003 and located on a 20-acre farm in the Piedmont Region of

Rd, Hampstead, 410-259-4166 www.ourales.com

picnic in a country setting. &

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Creeping Creek Farm, 2300 Harvey Gummel

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

#### Prettyboy Reservoir

19228 Spooks Hill Rd, Hampstead, 410-356-9272 https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/pages/

publiclands/central/prettyboy.aspx

Hiking trails ranging from easy to difficult with reservoir fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass, crappie, sunfish, perch and carp.

### Hanover

ATTRACTIONS

Live! Casino & Hotel 7002 Arundel Mills Cir #7777, Hanover, 443-842-7000, 1-855-5-MD-LIVE www.marylandlivecasino.com

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Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament 7000 Arundel Mills Cir, Arundel Mills, Hanover, 443-755-0011, 1-888-WE-JOUST www.medievaltimes.com

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See ad on page 6.

#### Harwood

Thanksgiving Farm 195 Harwood Rd, Harwood, 410-630-1511 www.thanksgivingfarm.com

Hand-crafted wines made exclusively from sun-ripened grapes grown on the farm using traditional fermentation methods and French oak barrel aging. \$

# Havre de Grace

**ARTS & CULTURE** 

Arts By the Bay Gallery 307 St John St, Havre de Grace, 410-939-1818 http://artsbythebaygallery.com

Arts by the Bay is a co-operative gallery, so you can meet the artisans who have created the work in the gallery. Four times a year we celebrate with all new art and an artist's reception. Free to the public. Join us for the celebration.

Cultural Center at the Opera House 121 N Union Ave, Havre de Grace, 443-502-2005 www.hdgoperahouse.org

Center bringing the highest quality entertainment to the community and region by featuring local and professional plays, live music and performances.

#### ATTRACTIONS

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Mount Felix Vineyards & Winery 2000 Level Rd, Havre de Grace http://mountfelix.com

Overlooking the Susquehanna River, Chesapeake Bay and the vineyard; the views are relaxing and spectacular. Plan your next private event or day trip here.

Steppingstone Farm Museum 461 Quaker Bottom Rd, Havre de Grace, 410-939-2299 www.steppingstonemuseum.org

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ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Concord Point Lighthouse and Keeper's House Museum

Lafayette & Concord sts, Havre de Grace, 410-939-3213 www.concordpointlighthouse.org

Museum with tours inside the tower, walks through history in the museum and open grounds with special events held throughout the year.

# Havre de Grace Decoy Museum

215 Giles St, Havre de Grace, 410-939-3739 www.decoymuseum.com

Houses one of the finest collections of Chesapeake Bay waterfowl decoys ever assembled; exhibits, tours, demonstrations, lectures and special events. §  $\$ 

Havre de Grace Maritime Museum 100 Lafayette St, Havre de Grace, 410-939-4800 www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org

Museum sharing rich regional maritime heritage with exhibits, educational

programs, special events and environmental center focused on Bay ecology. & \$

Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House 817 Conesteo St, Havre de Grace, 410-939-5780

www.thelockhousemuseum.org

Historic home of the locktender for the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal with events throughout the year; featuring a museum, pivot bridge and lock. &

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Baysail on the Chesapeake 100 Bourbon St Ste D, Tidewater Marina, Havre de Grace, 410-939-2869 https://www.baysail.net Offers professional sailing instruction as well as an excellent selection of recent

model yachts for charter. Susquehanna State Park 4122 Wilkinson Rd, Havre de Grace, 410-557-7994 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/central/susquehanna.aspx Home to mountain biking trails, fishing

(pike, perch, bass) and historical sites, including Rock Run grist mill, Archer Mansion and Jersey Toll House.

# SHOPPING

Bahoukas Antique Mall 408 N Union Ave, Havre de Grace, 410-942-1290

www.bahoukas.com

Nearly 9,000-sq. ft. of retail space and antiques within a historic building (c. 1880) in Havre de Grace's Main Street District.

# **Highland Beach**

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Frederick Douglass Museum and Cultural Center "Twin Oaks" 3200 Wayman Ave, Highland Beach, 410-268-2956

www.highlandbeachmd.org

Frederick Douglass's summer cottage built in 1895 and dedicated to preserving the history of his family and Highland Beach.

# Hydes

# ATTRACTIONS

Boordy Vineyards 12820 Long Green Pike, Hydes, 410-592-5015 www.boordy.com

Beautiful historic property featuring award-wining wines and a gift shop inside a 19th-century barn, just 25 minutes from Inner Harbor. &

#### **DeJon Vineyards**

5300 Hydes Rd, Hydes, 443-253-9802 www.dejonvineyard.com

Vineyard on the Piedmont Wine Trail offering wine lovers the opportunity to relax and taste wines in the intimacy of a reconverted barn. &  $\clubsuit$ 

# Jarrettsville

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Rocks State Park 3318 Rocks Chrome Hill Rd, Jarrettsville, 410-557-7994 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/central/rocks.aspx

Home to the King and Queen Seat, a 190-ft. rock outcrop over Deer Creek, and Kilgore Falls, the second-highest vertical drop waterfall in Maryland.

### Kingsville

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Jerusalem Mill Village 2813 Jerusalem Rd, Kingsville, 410-877-3560

www.jerusalemmill.org

Experience living history at an 18th-and 19th-century historic gristmill village. Hike scenic trails. Admission free except during special events and concerts. &

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Gunpowder Falls State Park: Central Area 10092 Belair Rd, Kingsville, 410-592-2897 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/ central/gunpowdercentral.aspx

Features many miles of nature trails, fishing, river recreation and horseback riding opportunities at Graham Equestrian Center.

Gunpowder Falls State Park: Jerusalem Mill Headquarters 2813 Jerusalem Rd, Kingsville, 410-592-2897 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/gunpowder.aspx

One of Maryland's largest state parks with more than 18,000 acres in Harford and Baltimore counties and a museum preserving an old mill village.

#### Hart-Miller Island State Park 2813 Jerusalem Rd, Kingsville, 410-477-0757

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/hartmiller.aspx

An uninhabited island in the Chesapeake Bay accessible only by boat. Western shore offers safe mooring, beach access, campsites and fishing.

### Laurel ATTRACTIONS

# Jailbreak Brewing Co.

9445 Washington Blvd N Ste F, Laurel, 443-345-9699 www.jailbreakbrewing.com

Howard County's first production brewery, serving over a dozen artfully crafted beers in the taproom along with artisanal, house-made pub favorites.

KEY TO SYMBOLS 🗄 = Disability Accessible 🦐 = Pet Friendly 💲 = Admission 🌲 = Maryland Green Travel Partner

# Linthicum

# HISTORY & HERITAGE

Benson-Hammond House 7101 Aviation Blvd, Linthicum, 410-768-9518

www.aachs.org/benson-hammond-house

A 19th-century farmhouse, restored to reflect early farm culture that includes four period rooms, a museum and shop. \$

National Electronics Museum 1745 W Nursery Rd, Linthicum, 410-765-0230

*www.nationalelectronicsmuseum.org* Historical electronics displays from communications, radar and space to

countermeasures and commercial tech; hands-on exhibits, tours upon request. & \$

# Lutherville

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

The Fire Museum of Maryland 1301 York Rd, Lutherville, 410-321-7500 www.firemuseummd.org

Jaw-dropping collection of more than 40 pieces of antique fire apparatus. Learn about the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. Kids love the discovery room. & \$

### Lutherville Historical Colored

School #24 Museum 1426 School Ln, Lutherville, 410-825-6114 www.luthervillecoloredschool.webs.com

A historic schoolhouse built in the early 1900s that has been restored into a museum of African-American history in Maryland.

2300 Waverly Mansion Dr, Marriottsville,

www.historicwaverlvmansion.com

Elegant, period-appointed early 19th-

Century Manor home. Sole surviving

Waverly Woods Golf Club

www.waverlywoods.com

minutes from DC &

ATTRACTIONS

Middle River

Aviation Museum

See ad on page 83.

410-335-4900

OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Chesapeake Yachting Center** 

www.chesapeakeyachting.com

114 Carroll Island Rd, Middle River,

spa, locker rooms, gated children's

Marina services including a private pool,

playground, grilling stations and pavilions.

Glenn L. Martin Maryland

www.mdairmuseum.org

2100 Warwick Way, Marriottsville,

This award-winning Arthur Hills designed

golf course is located on I-70 less than

20 minutes from Baltimore and only 45

Martin State Airport, Hangar 5, 701 Wilson

Point Rd, Middle River, 410-682-6122

Discover Maryland's aviation history. On

and monthly speaker programs. & \$

open cockpit days, see inside a fighter jet and board a 1950's passenger plane. School

property of John Eager Howard and George Howard, Maryland's only father/

### Marriottsville HISTORY & HERITAGE

Historic Waverly

301-572-7744

son aovernors.

410-313-9182

SPORTS

Gunpowder Falls State Park 7400 Graces Quarters Rd, Middle River, 410-592-2897 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/gunpowder.aspx

More than 120 miles of trails, protected State Wildlands, historic sites, fishing, kayaking and canoeing streams, a swimming beach and marina.

### **Gunpowder Falls State Park:**

Dundee Creek Marina 7400 Graces Quarters Rd, Middle River, 410-592-2897 https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/

central/dundeecreekmarina/marina.aspx

Public marina providing access to Dundee Creek, the Gunpowder River and Chesapeake Bay.

#### Gunpowder Falls State Park: Hammerman Area

7200 Graces Quarters Rd, Middle River, 410-592-2897 https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/gunpowderfalls/ hammerman-area.aspx

Park features a swimming beach, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, canoe/kayak and sailboat rentals, fishing, short hiking trails and two short water trails.

Safari Girl Charters

701 Seneca Garden Rd, Middle River, 410-207-8362 www.safarigirlcharters.com

Fishing charter situated in Middle River; max charter size is six people.

# Monkton

ATTRACTIONS

Ladew Topiary Gardens 3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton, 410-557-9570 www.ladewoardens.com

Award-winning 22-acre garden with 100

topiary farms, 15 garden "rooms," English antiques, equestrian-themed art, house tours and nature walks. \$

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Gunpowder Falls State Park: Monkton Station 1820 Monkton Rd, Monkton, 410-592-2897

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/gunpowder.aspx

Historic rail station within one of Maryland's largest state parks comprised of more than 18,000 acres; walking and biking along the old rail trails.

## Gunpowder Falls State Park:

Torrey C. Brown Rail Trail 1820 Monkton Rd, Monkton, 410-592-2897 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/tcb.aspx

A 19.7-mile trail that passes through many historic communities and offers recreation for biking, hiking, jogging and horseback riding.

### New Windsor

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

New Windsor Heritage Museum 207 Main St, New Windsor, 410-635-2602 www.newwindsorheritage.org

An exploration of Civil War history and more through a museum and walking tour of downtown New Windsor. Strawbridge Shrine 2650 Strawbridge Ln, New Windsor, 410-635-2600 www.strawbridgeshrine.org

Site where Robert Strawbridge founded the first Methodist Society in America (original 1760), plus a replica of the First Chapel in America (1764). &

# Oella

HISTORY & HERITAGE Benjamin Banneker Historical

Park & Museum 300 Oella Ave, Oella, 410-887-1081 www.friendsofbenjaminbanneker.com

Nation's largest original African-American historical site and center of cultural and natural history offering diverse programs in arts and nature.

# **Owings Mills**

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

The Gordon Center for Performing Arts 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave, Owings Mills, 410-356-SHOW www.jcc.org/gordon-center

A professional, state-of-the-art

entertainment venue showcasing amazing and eclectic performances. \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Feikin Flyfishing and Light Tackle Guide Service

3912 Esgarth Way, Owings Mills, 443-794-3836

Fishing the Chesapeake Bay since 1998 with experience in light tackle and fly fishing with guide service provided. Fly casting lessons available with charters.

#### **Irvine Nature Center**

11201 Garrison Forest Rd, Owings Mills, 443-738-9200 www.explorenature.org

Irvine Nature Center is home to 60 live animals and offers over seven miles of hiking trails; a great destination for families.

#### Soldier's Delight Natural

Environmental Area 5100 Deer Park Rd, Owings Mills, 410-461-5005

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/soldiersdelight.aspx

Largest serpentine barren in the state at 1,900-acres and home to hiking and more than 39 threatened or endangered grassland plant species. §

# Parkton

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Gunpowder Falls State Park: Hereford Area

17700 Masemore Rd, Parkton,

410-592-2897 https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/central/gunpowderfalls/herefordarea.aspx

Scenic wilderness across 3,620 acres and preserved under State Wildlands status for nature appreciation and outdoor adventures.

# Pasadena

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Hancock's Resolution 2795 Bayside Beach Rd, Pasadena, 410-255-4048

www.historichancocksresolution.org

Award-winning late-18th and early-19thcentury authentic farmstead displaying how Americans lived in the 18th-century; NRHP. & ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Fairview Marina 1575 Fairview Beach Rd, Pasadena, 410-437-3400

www.fairviewmarina.com

Full-service marina with pristine facilities, open and covered slips to 80 ft. plus a brand new waterfront wedding and banquet venue.

# Pylesville

ATTRACTIONS

Eden Mill Nature Center 1617 Eden Mill Rd, Pylesville, 410-836-3050 www.edenmill.org

Nature center nestled along Deer Creek with trails, historic grist mill museum and gift shop.

#### ATTRACTIONS

Fiore Winery & Distillery 3026 Whiteford Rd, Pylesville, 410-879-4007

www.fiorewinery.com

Savor unique flavors of Harford County wines with a picnic basket and a bottle of wine at one of the mid-Atlantic's most picturesque panoramas.

# Reisterstown

SPORTS

Mitchell's Golf Complex 301 Mitchell Dr, Reisterstown, 410-833-7721 www.mitchellsaolf.com

Public 9-hole Executive Golf Course; three miniature golf courses lighted lighted driv

miniature golf courses, lighted; lighted driving range, covered and outdoor, grass and mats, two putting greens, practice bunker.

# Savage

# SHOPPING

Historic Savage Mill 8600 Foundry St, Savage, 410-792-2820 www.savagemill.com

Maryland's most unique historic destination with dozens of specialty shops, outdoor adventures, resident artists and great dining.

#### SPORTS

#### Terrapin Adventures

8600 Foundry St, Savage, 301-725-1313 www.terrapinadventures.com

Outdoor adventure center featuring climbing tower, zipline, giant swing, high-ropes course. Guided kayak, mountain biking, geo-caching caving and river tubing tours in central Maryland. & \$

# Severna Park

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Baltimore & Annapolis Trail/BWI Trail 51 W Earleigh Heights Rd, Severna Park, 410-222-6244

www.aacounty.org

Paved 13.3-mile trail running from Annapolis through forests, farmlands and suburban neighborhoods to Glen Burnie, where it joins the BWI Trail. &

# **Shady Side**

ATTRACTIONS

Captain Avery Museum 1418 E W Shady Side Rd, Shady Side, 410-867-4486 www.captainaverymuseum.org

Museum tells stories of three centuries of Chesapeake Bay history: 19th-century watermen, 20th-century recreation and 21st-century environmental improvement.

# Sparks

ATTRACTIONS

and Riesling), &

410-592-2897

Street

ATTRACTIONS

Svkesville

ATTRACTIONS

Sparrows Point

OUTDOOR RECREATION

North Point State Park

and birdwatching. 🛓 \$

Basignani Winery 15722 Falls Rd, Sparks, 410-472-0703 www.basignani.com Tours, events, tastings and wine sales in

8400 North Point Rd, Sparrows Point,

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

Park rich in natural resources and history

and Bay Shore Park exhibits, tidal fishing

Falling Branch Brewery 805 Highland Rd, Street, 443-939-4605

Brewery is focused on staying local, using

ingredients grown by the brewers and

**Piney Run Park and Nature Center** 

https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/

places-to-go/piney-run-park/

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

museum-of-history

historic Sykesville.

443-537-2626

Towson

**ARTS & CULTURE** 

410-704-2807

SPORTS

30 Martz Rd, Sykesville, 410-795-5165

government/directory/recreation-parks/

Recreational opportunities from hiking.

fishing and boating to group and public

nature education programs year-round;

nature center is free of charge. & \$

Sykesville Gate House Museum

Stratosphere Trampoline Park

1332 Londontown Blvd, Sykesville,

www.eldersburgtrampolinepark.com

with wall-to-wall trampolines across thousands of sq. ft. as well as Cosmic

Nights and Sensory Jumps. 🐁 \$

Asian Arts & Culture Center

www.towson.edu/asianarts

and cultural experiences. &

A place dedicated to trampoline activities

Towson University, 8000 York Rd, Towson,

Engages the university and surrounding

communities in cross-cultural dialogue through a broad range of Asian artistic

DESTINATION MARYLAND 💠 135

7283 Cooper Dr, Sykesville, 410-549-5150

www.sykesville.net/2157/gate-house-

Interprets the story of the rise of a small

agricultural town to a bustling 20th-century

main street located on the B&O Railroad in

http://fallingbranchbeer.com

focusing on the market at home.

featuring a visitors center with War of 1812

pages/central/northpoint.aspx

northern Baltimore County featuring classic

estate-bottled wines (Cabernet, Chardonnay

**CENTRAL MARYLAND** 

#### ATTRACTIONS

Maryland Horse Breeders Association 1021 Dulaney Valley Rd, Towson 410-252-2100

www.marylandthoroughbred.com

Serves as an informational resource and is an advocate for the horse industry in Maryland. Visit our website to see our monthly magazine. &

## See ad on page 14.

Maryland Million Ltd. 1021 Dulaney Valley Rd, Towson 410-252-2100 www.marylandmillion.com

Jim McKay Maryland Million Day at Laurel Park celebrates Thoroughbred horse breeding and racing in Maryland. It is known as "Maryland's Day at the Races." &

#### See ad on page 15.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Hampton National Historic Site 535 Hampton Ln, Towson, 410-823-1309 ext 208 www.nps.gov/hamp

1790s mansion, gardens, farm, slave quarters and grounds tell the story of the family who lived and worked the estate for more than 150 years.

### Tracys Landing

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Herrington Harbour North Historic Village 389 Deale Rd, Tracys Landing, 410-867-4343 www.herringtonharbour.com

Historic village and buildings from the mid-19th century with a one-room school house, residence, smokehouse and African-American meeting house.

# Union Bridge

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Western Maryland Railway

Historical Society Museum 41 N Main St, Union Bridge, 410-775-0150 www.westernmarylandrhs.com

Society for the preservation of Western Maryland Railway history and railroading in general; free admission and donations appreciated.

# West Friendship

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Howard County Fair** 

2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, 410-442-1022

https://howardcountyfairmd.com

Livestock shows, kids and critters exhibit, rides, horse shows, entertainment, home arts, commercial exhibits, horse and tractor pulls, talent show and much more. S

# West River

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Capt. Mike's Fishing Charters 5107 Teds Ln, West River, 410-279-3358 www.gorockfishing.com

Fish the mid-bay at Kent Island, Eastern Bay and Chesapeake Beach for striped bass, rockfish and blues; max charter size is six people.

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ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

# Westminster

# ARTS & CULTURE

Carroll Arts Center 91 W Main St, Westminster, 410-848-7272 www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org

A wealth of cultural opportunities for youth and adults, including concerts, film, live theatre, art exhibits, classes, camps and a gift shop.  $\underline{k}$ 

### ATTRACTIONS

### Bear Branch Nature Center & Hashawha Environmental Center

300 John Owings Rd, Westminster, 410-386-3580 www.hashawha.org

Featuring a residential retreat facility, nature center and miles of hiking trails.

#### Johansson's Dining House & Restaurant 4 W Main St, Westminster, 410-876-0101 www.johanssonsdininghouse.com/ brewerv.asp

English-style tavern in downtown Westminster

with beer brewed on premises and rotating seasonal brews; reservations recommended.

## **Old Westminster Winery**

1550 Old Westminster Rd, Westminster, 410-881-4656 www.oldwestminster.com

Winery for enjoying wines produced in an environmentally conscious way, building relationships and genuinely connecting with the land.

Serpent Ridge Vineyard 2962 Nicodemus Rd, Westminster, 410-848-6511

www.serpentridge.com

Westminster's first winery specializing in small lots of handmade wine from grapes grown in own vineyard and other carefully chosen sites. &

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Carroll County Farm Museum 500 S Center St, Westminster, 410-386-3880, 1-800-654-4645 www.carrollcountyfarmmuseum.org

A 140-acre property featuring The Maryland Wine Festival, a museum with numerous exhibits, a historic farmhouse, living history and nature trails. § \$

#### Historical Society of Carroll County 210 E Main St, Westminster, 410-848-6494 www.hsccmd.org

Early-19th-century historic houses tell the stories of everyday life in Carroll County with exhibits and items from HSCC collections and guided tours. & \$

Union Mills Homestead & Grist Mill 3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, 410-848-2288

www.unionmills.org

Home of the Shriver family for six generations and a Maryland Civil War Trails site; guided tours of the historic house and mill available. & \$

### WhiteFord

ATTRACTIONS Slate Farm Brewery 2128 Whiteford Rd, WhiteFord, 443-528-7443 www.slatefarmbrewery.com

A small brewery that makes fresh, bold and local beer.

# Woodbine

# ATTRACTIONS

Larriland Farm 2415 Woodbine Rd, Woodbine, 410-442-2605, 301-854-6110 www.pickyourown.com

Family-owned and operated pick-your-own farm providing the highest quality fruits, vegetables and berries at their peak of ripeness. &

### Woodstock

#### ATTRACTIONS

Howard County Conservancy 10520 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock, 410-465-8877

www.hcconservancy.org

An environmental nonprofit working to connect people to nature and offering four miles of trails. nature center and resident animals.

#### VISITOR SERVICES

# Aberdeen

WELCOME CENTERS

Maryland House Travel Center Hwy I-95 Service Plaza, Mile Marker 82, Aberdeen, 443-674-1845

Rest stop and travel center at 42,000 sq. ft. featuring food and a convenience store along with a fueling station; LEED Silver certified.

# Annapolis

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

Annapolis & Anne Arundel County 26 West St, Annapolis, 410-280-0445 www.visitannapolis.org, www.experiencebwi.com

Our county features three regions of distinct personalities. Annapolis City, the Annapolis Countryside and the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Region.

# See ad on page 5.

**TOUR SERVICES** 

U.S. Naval Academy-Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center 52 King George St, Annapolis, 410-293-8687

www.usnabsd.com/for-visitors

Center featuring films, exhibits on missions and revolutionary John Paul Jones along with guided tours on Naval Academy history and midshipman life. &

# Baltimore

### COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES

Visit Baltimore Visitor Center 401 Light St, Baltimore, 1-877-BALTIMORE www.baltimore.org

Don't miss Baltimore's scenic waterfront, charming neighborhoods, fresh seafood and top museums/attractions. Learn more at the Visitor Center.

#### See ad on page 88.

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

American Limousines, Inc. 4401 E Fairmount Ave, Baltimore, 410-522-0400, 1-800-787-1690 www.amerlimo.com

Premier provider of ground transportation for corporate, wedding and leisure activities in the Baltimore metro area and beyond. More than 30 years of service.

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Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) 2310 Broening Hwy, Baltimore, 410-537-1000 https://mdta.maryland.gov, www.baybridge.com

The MDTA is the State agency responsible for financing, operating and improving Maryland's toll facilities, including the Bay Bridge.

See ad on page 21.

### RESERVATION SERVICES

Accent on Baltimore POBox 20235, Baltimore, 443-279-5055, 1-877-405-8687 www.accentonbaltimore.com

Releasing the charm of Baltimore, Annapolis and D.C. through destination management services with tours, programs, packages and incentive travel. &

#### **Days Inn Baltimore Inner Harbor**

100 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, 410-576-1000 www.daysinnerharbor.com

See ad on page 89.

www.visitharford.com

See ad on page 85.

Catonsville

410-744-3300

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GROUND TRANSPORTATION

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transportation needs.

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Edgewater

TOUR SERVICES

tropical island.

Ellicott City

See ad on page 37.

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deluxe mini coaches available for all vour

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www.visithowardcounty.com

Howard County Tourism Council, Inc. 8267 Main St, Ellicott City, 410-313-1900, 1-800-288-8747

As a team we enthusiastically promote and

County-its historic towns, opportunities for

outdoor recreation, local dining, signature

festivals and cultural happenings.

celebrate all that is wonderful in Howard

bareboat) on the Chesapeake Bay, with the

seat motor coaches and 24, 33-seat

**Bel Air** 

Visit Harford

45 minutes from Washington, D.C. Walking distance to Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Ravens Stadium, National Aquarium and Inner Harbor waterfront.

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

115 N Main St Ste C, Bel Air, 410-838-7777

Harford County features picturesque beauty,

bustling cities, historic harbor town, cultural venues and sports amenities. Create your

# **Glen Burnie**

#### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

ZBest Limousine Service, Inc. 6809 Ritchie Hwy, Glen Burnie, 410-768-1148, 1-800-406-0301 www.zbestworldwide.com

Fleet of L-Series sedans, SUVs, limousines, shuttle buses and motor coaches providing many options and delivering professional transport services.

### Hanover

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

Gunther Charter & Tours 7474 Shipley Ave Lot C, Hanover, 410-761-3757 www.gunthercharters.com

Offering service to New York City; charter service to your own destination and fully escorted packaged tours—all on our 56-passenger deluxe motor coaches. &

# Savage

# WELCOME CENTERS

I-95 North Welcome Center Hwy I-95 North, Between exits 38 & 35, Mile Marker 37, Savage, 301-490-1333 Serves traffic heading towards Baltimore and points north.

I-95 South Welcome Center Hwy I-95 South, Between exits 38 & 35, Mile Marker 37, Savage, 301-490-2444 Serves traffic heading towards Washington, D.C., and points south.

# Timonium

#### TOUR SERVICES

Greenspring Tours POBox 358, Timonium, 410-561-1119, 1-800-447-5081

www.greenspringtours.com

for Amazing Stunts

For all your destination management needs—tours, transportation, guide service, hotels, meals, special events. More than 25 years experience. &

# Towson

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

Baltimore County Tourism and Promotion 400 Washington Ave, Towson, 410-887-4289 www.enjoybaltimorecounty.com

Home to historic neighborhoods, 21,000 equine-related acres, over 200 miles of beautiful waterfront, five family-owned wineries & nine craft breweries including Guinness Open Gate Brewery.

See ad on page 83.

### Westminster

# **COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES**

Carroll County Tourism 1838 Emerald Hill Ln, Westminster, 1-800-272-1933

www.carrollcountytourism.org

Rolling hills, farmland vistas and small towns & communities offer attractions, history, recreation and more. Drive our Barn Quilt & Civil War Trails. &

See ad on the Inside Front Cover.

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION** 

Rill's Bus Service 232 Dutrow Rd, Westminster, 410-876-7530, 1-800-801-7530 www.rillsbusservice.com

Deluxe motorcoach and school bus transportation for charter groups; day and overnight pre-arranged tours for individuals. Wheelchair accommodation available upon request.



# May 20-22, 2020

# U.S. Naval Academy Air Show Annapolis

U.S. Navy Blue Angels demonstration flight squadron performs over the campus to celebrate the U.S. Naval Academy's annual graduation.

# June 13-14, 2020

# 13th Annual Ocean City Air Show 2020

The 13th annual air show returns to Ocean City in June, featuring the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds Flight Demonstration Team.



# Things to See and Do

Southern Maryland's bayside communities offer warm, welcoming and revitalized recreation destinations, making the region a premiere resort locale.

# Bryantown

HISTORY & HERITAGE St. Mary's Church and Cemetery 13715 Notre Dame PI, Bryantown, 301-870-2220 www.stmarysbryantown.com

Historic church (est. 1793) and final resting place of Dr. Samuel Mudd, who treated John Wilkes Booth's broken leg following Lincoln's assassination.

# California

ATTRACTIONS

Cecil's Old Mill

20854 Indian Bridge Rd, California, 301-994-1510 www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/ cecils-old-mill

State's only double overshoot water wheel and an early industrial district offering unique shopping with local artisans, craftsmen goods and antigues. &

# Callaway

OUTDOOR RECREATION

St. Mary's River State Park Camp Cosoma Rd, Off Rt 5, Callaway, 301-872-5688 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/stmarysriver.aspx

State park with wildlife across a 250-acre lake, woodlands, fields, swamps and small streams, as well as largemouth bass fishing and varied hunting. \$

# Chesapeake Beach ATTRACTIONS

Chesapeake Beach Water Park 4079 Gordon Stinnett Ave, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-1404

www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com

Great family place with two big water slides plus six more, lagoon, kids pool and great food. Group and corporate outings, birthday parties are also available; call to reserve. &

#### CHARTER SERVICES

Chesapeake Windsail Cruises 4160 Mears Ave Dock A, Slip 15, Chesapeake Beach, 1-855-561-8810 *chesapeakewindsailcruises.com* 

Sail into the Chesapeake Bay on *Eternal Hope* and spot dolphins, ospreys and other amazing habitats or cruise ships in the shipping canal.

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

The Chesapeake Beach

Railway Museum

4155 Mears Ave, Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-3892 www.cbrm.org

An 1898 railway station with exhibits on railway history, the boardwalk, steamboats and a historic local amusement park that once existed on the water. &

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Chesapeake Adventures Sportfishing 5230 Breezy Point Rd, Chesapeake Beach, 301-758-3475 www.goreeltime.com

Enjoy Chesapeake Bay fishing at its best. For comfort, a private restroom is on board. Max charter size is six people.



### Dolly Diesel Sportfishing

Rod N' Reel, 4160 Meers Äve, Chesapeake Beach, 301-855-8940 www.dollydieselsportfishing.com

Charters for sportfishing excursions, with "no fish, no pay" policy, fishing the entire Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean and seating 27 passengers.

#### Jennifer Ann Charters

Rod N' Reel, 4165 Mears Ave, Chesapeake Beach, 410-320-2517 www.jenniferanncharters.com Fishing charters and memorable adventures

for young and old alike quarrying bluefish and stripers on the Chesapeake Bay; maximum charter size is 30.

#### Tamshell II Charters

3748 Harbor Rd, Chesapeake Beach, 301-802-4027

Six-passenger charter fishing vessel. All tackle and bait provided. Half and all-day charters available.

# **Coltons Point**

# ATTRACTIONS

St. Clement's Island Museum 38370 Point Breeze Rd, Coltons Point, 301-769-2222 www.visitstmarysmd.com/see-do/detail/

*st.-clements-island-museum* Nationally accredited museum about

Maryland's first Colonial landing at St. Clement's Island (1634) with Potomac River history and water taxi tours. & \$

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Lighthouse

St. Clement's Island State Park 38370 Point Breeze Rd, Coltons Point, 301-872-5688 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/southern/stclements.aspx Landing site of the first English settlers in Maryland (1634) at a 40-acre park with tours, fishing, hiking and Blackistone

# Dentsville

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Southern Maryland Studies Center College of Southern Maryland Library Bldg, Rm LR211, 8730 Mitchell Rd, Dentsville, 301-934-7626 ext 7107

www.csmd.edu/community/ southern-maryland-studies-center

Provides resources with information on slavery, freedom and the culture and development of Southern Maryland from the Colonial period forward.

# Dowell

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13470 Dowell Rd, Dowell, 410-326-4640 www.annmariegarden.org

Gallery with a wooded walking path, exhibits on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, a children's natural play space, native gardens and artLAB. & \$

# Drayden

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Drayden African-American Schoolhouse 18287 Cherryfield Rd, Drayden, 301-994-1471

www.visitstmarysmd.com/site/detail/ drayden-african-american-schoolhouse

One of the best-preserved schoolhouses (c. 1890) in the country sitting on its original site location and offering interpretive panels.

# Hollywood

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Sotterley Plantation 44300 Sotterley Ln, Hollywood, 301-373-2280, 1-800-681-0850 www.sotterley.org

Mansion (1703) overlooking the Patuxent with an authentic 1800s slave cabin, Colonial Revival gardens, nature trails and historic buildings; NHL. \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Greenwell State Park 25450 Rosedale Manor Ln, Rt 245 to Steerhorn Neck Rd, Hollywood, 301-872-5688 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/greenwell.aspx

Home of Greenwell Foundation offering therapeutic riding programs designed for individuals with disabilities. Also offers hiking, canoeing and fishing. & \$ \$

# Hughesville

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

### Camp Stanton

Prince Frederick Rd, Hughesville http://mht.maryland.gov/historicalmarkers/ details.aspx?id=rm-297&recnum=6& county=charles%20county

Former Union encampment established in 1863 for recruitment/training of black soldiers, some who had recently escaped enslavement.

# Huntingtown

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

## Kings Landing Park

3255 Kings Landing Rd, Huntingtown, 410-535-2661 www.co.cal.md.us/kingslandingpark

A 260-acre park for environmental

education with picnic shelters, kayak rentals and launch, a wetland boardwalk, fishing pier and swimming pool. \$

# Indian Head

ATTRACTIONS

Black Box Theatre/Indian Head Center for the Arts 4185 Indian Head Hwy, Indian Head, 301-743-3040 https://www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/ indian-head-center-arts-black-box

Center and production group for the grassroots development of artistic expression in and around Indian Head housed within a performing arts theater.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Chapman State Park 3452 Ferry PI, Indian Head, 301-743-7613, 1-888-432-2267 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/southern/chapman.aspx

Park featuring mature forests, rare plants and bald eagles in the dramatic woodlands stretching from the Potomac River to Mattawoman Creek.

Purse State Park Rt 224, Riverside Rd, Indian Head, 301-743-7613

www.stateparks.com/purse.html Area for hunting, bird-watching and fishing on the Potomac River at Wades Bay with

forsilized shark teeth, bones and shells found along water's edge.

# La Plata

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

African-American Heritage House 7485 Crain Hwy, La Plata, 301-609-9099 https://www.charlescountymd.gov/ locations/african-american-heritagesociety-charles-county

Depicts the life, history and contributions of famous African Americans from Charles County with artifacts from the William D. Diggs collection. &

La Plata Train Station 101 Kent Ave, La Plata, 301-934-8421 www.greatamericanstations.com/ stations/la-plata-mo-lap

Historic building recalling railroad's impact on Charles County during the 1800s growth boom with two-room "La Plata Station" and old red caboose. &

Mt. Carmel Monastery 5678 Mount Carmel Rd, La Plata www.carmelofporttobacco.com/index.html

First Carmelite Monastery (1790) in the U.S. est. by Mother Bernardina Matthews, her nieces and Sisters Mary Aloysia, Mary Eleanora and Clare Joseph.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Reel Bass Adventures Guide Service 406 Butternut Ct, La Plata, 301-932-1509 www.reelbassadventuresguideservice.com

Guided fishing on the Tidal Potomac River at one of the top-rated places to bass fish by *Bassmaster* magazine; half-day/full-day tours available.

# Leonardtown

#### ATTRACTIONS

Port of Leonardtown Winery 23190 Newtowne Neck Rd, Leonardtown, 301-690-2192 www.polwinery.com

Agricultural cooperative consisting of 15 vineyards and dedicated to producing the best wines from the best Southern Maryland growers.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Old Jail Museum and Tourist Information Center 41625 Courthouse Dr, Leonardtown, 301-475-2467 www.visitstmarysmd.com/activitiesattractions/detail/old-iail-museum

Historic jail museum (c. 1850-1940) with tours, a 17th-century cannon and early Maryland artifacts relating to the local area through the years.

St. Francis Xavier Church

21370 Newtowne Neck Rd, Leonardtown, 301-475-9885 www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org

www.stilancisxavierchurch.org

The oldest continually used Catholic church (1731) in the original 13 colonies on more than 700 acres and an example of a self-contained Jesuit community.

Tudor Hall/St. Mary's County Historical Society 41680 Tudor PI, Leonardtown, 301-475-2467

### www.stmaryshistory.org

A Georgian-style house (c. 1744), once the home of Francis Scott Key's uncle, overlooking Breton Bay with genealogical and historical research center.

#### **OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Breton Bay Golf & Country Club 21935 Society Hill Rd, Leonardtown, 301-475-2300 www.bretonbaygolf.com

Golf overlooking the Potomac River.

# Lexington Park

ATTRACTIONS

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitor Center 22156 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park,

301-863-1900 www.paxmuseum.com Museum dedicated to the scientific and technological story of U.S. Naval Aviation research and development with more than

research and development with more than 25 aircraft on display. درجه \$

# Lusby

ATTRACTIONS

Cove Point Lighthouse

3500 Lighthouse Blvd, Lusby, 410-326-2042 www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

One of the oldest continuously working lighthouses in Maryland (1828) with keeper's home and tours provided by Calvert Marine Museum: NRHP.

#### Cove Point Winery/Cove Point Vineyard 755 Cove Point Rd, Lusby, 410-326-0949 www.covepointwinery.com

A family-owned micro winery producing a number of unique wines with a small tasting room and a selection for all tastes from dry to sweet dessert wines.

#### **OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Calvert Cliffs State Park 10540 H.G. Trueman Rd, Lusby, 443-975-4360 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/

pages/southern/calvertcliffs.aspx

Park with renowned cliffs stretching across 30 miles of Chesapeake shoreline, scenic trails and a treasure trove of 600 known species of fossils. & \$

#### Flag Ponds Nature Park 1525 Flag Ponds Pkwy, Lusby, 410-586-1477

www.co.cal.md.us/flagponds

A 545-acre park with forested uplands, wetlands and beaches on three miles of trails, including observation platforms, a boardwalk and fishing pier. \$

# Marbury

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

Mattawoman Creek Art Center 5565 Upham PI, Smallwood State Park, Marbury, 301-743-5159 www.mattawomanart.org

Monthly art exhibits at the scenic waterfront featuring a wide variety of visual arts, illustrated talks, lectures, a gift shop and studio rentals.

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Smallwood State Park 2750 Sweden Point Rd, Marbury, 301-743-7613 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/smallwood.aspx

Site of Smallwood's Retreat, estate of General William Smallwood, Revolutionary officer and 4th governor of Maryland. Site has a marina, camping and tours. & \$

# Mechanicsville

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Fishamajig Guide Service 40344 Morgan Brothers Rd, Mechanicsville, 240-538-1260 www.fishamajigguideservice.com

Light tackle fing guide on the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River specializing in striped bass fishing and accommodating 1-4 anglers.

# Nanjemoy

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Mallows Bay Park 1440 Wilson Landing Rd, Nanjemoy, 301-932-3470 www.charlescountyparks.com/ parks/mallows-bay-park

Park on a bay of the Potomac offering excellent outdoor recreation opportunities with wildlife viewing, hiking, small boating access and fishing.

# Newburg

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park

11000 Crain Hwy, Newburg, 301-932-1900 www.mdvets.cc

Museum with personalized exhibits dedicated to honoring the lives of those who contributed to America's freedom and veterans throughout history.

# North Beach

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Bayside History Museum 4025 4th St, North Beach, 410-610-5970 www.baysidehistorymuseum.org

Museum with local artifacts and photographs of North Beach, information about the Twin Beaches and fossils from John Smith's expedition.

# Owings

### ATTRACTIONS

Fridays Creek Winery 3485 Chaneyville Rd, Owings, 410-286-9463 www.fridayscreek.com

Stately old barn where tobacco once hung and now home to a winery offering rustic ambiance, tastings and art displays just 25 minutes from D.C. & Scorpion Brewing LLC 929 Skinners Turn Rd Ste 100, Owings, 410-279-9700

www.scorpionbrewing.com Microbrewery focusing on locally-sourced ingredients and experimental beers. & 🐂

# **Piney Point**

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum and

Historic Park 44720 Lighthouse Rd, Piney Point, 301-994-1471 www.visitstmarysmd.com/see-do/ detail/piney-point-lighthousemuseum-and-historic-park

Climb oldest lighthouse on the Potomac, see historic boats and maritime history in the museum, learn about the U1105 Historic Shipwreck Dive Preserve and more. & \$

#### **U-1105 Black Panther Historic**

Shipwreck Preserve 44720 Lighthouse Rd, Piney Point, 301-769-2222 https://mht.maryland.gov/ archeology\_U1105.shtml

Shipwreck in the Potomac. Diving excursions must be pre-arranged. Additional shipwreck information available in Piney Point Lighthouse Museum. & \$

### Port Tobacco

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Port Tobacco Courthouse (1819) Off Rt 6 on Chapel Point Rd, Port Tobacco, 301-392-3418 www.charlescountymd.gov/ locations/port-tobacco-courthouse

The reconstructed 1819 courthouse and museum containing tobacco and Civil War exhibits with archaeological finds and Colonial-dressed guides on site.

#### Port Tobacco Historic Village-Stagg Hall (1766) 8450 Commerce St, Port Tobacco,

Historic Parnham-Padgett House and one of

the only surviving 18th-century buildings in

town with two stories and a gambrel roof;

Port Tobacco One-Room School (1872)

7215 Chapel Point Rd, Port Tobacco,

www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/

port-tobacco-one-room-school-house

Original one-room town schoolhouse

(c. 1872) with period furnishings and

8855 Chapel Point Rd, Port Tobacco,

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301-934-8245

www.chapelpoint.org

301-392-3418 www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/ port-tobacco-courthouse

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Chapel Point State Park 8950 Chapel Point Rd, Port Tobacco, 301-743-7613 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/chapelpoint.aspx

A scenic multi-use park boasting a waterfront with boating, kayaking, hiking, a small beach, swimming and excellent fishing.

# Prince Frederick

#### ATTRACTIONS

Calvert Brewery Company Beer Garden 150 Adelina Rd, Prince Frederick, 240-245-4609 www.calvertbrewingcompany.com

Maryland's first designated farm brewery with a selection of craft brews and beer flights, a beer garden, events and a dedication to pride and quality.

### Mully's Brewery

141 Schooner Ln #15, Prince Frederick, 443-968-9426

www.mullysbrewery.com

Delicious brews in a fun, laid-back atmosphere. Enjoy a flight or pint and take some beer to go.  ${\bf E}$ 

Running Hare Vineyard 150 Adelina Rd, Prince Frederick, 410-414-8486 www.runningharevineyard.com

Vineyard with award-winning wines, tastings and events and a style reminiscent of the gentle hills of France, the beauty of Tuscany and the feel of Napa. & \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

American Chestnut Land Trust 676 Double Oak Rd, Prince Frederick, 410-414-3400 www.acltweb.org

Pristine 3,000-acre preserve with 22 miles of hiking trails, including interpretive panels and historic structures, a farm and guided canoe trips.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary 2880 Grays Rd, Prince Frederick, 410-535-5327

www.co.cal.md.us/battlecreek

Protected 100-acre sanctuary and home to wildlife, a quarter-mile elevated boardwalk, a 100-ft. canopy of cypress trees and seasonal wildflowers.

# Ridge

## ATTRACTIONS

Slack Winery

16040 Woodlawn Ln, Ridge, 301-247-8800 www.slackwine.com

Winery with fine white, rose and sparkling wines made from 30 acres of grapes at Woodlawn and Jubilee farms; reds from Italian and French vinifera.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Buzz's Marina

49675 Buzz's Marina Way, Ridge, 301-247-7887 www.buzzsmarina.com

Marina and small campground, dry storage/ slips with boat ramps and fishing boats, bait, ice, gas and supplies. Fishing charters available.

Point Lookout Marina 16244 Millers Wharf Rd, Ridge, 301-872-5000 www.pointlookoutmarina.com

Marina with slips, gas, cabin and bike rentals, an open deck restaurant, a picnic area, pool and picturesque sunsets in scenic Southern Maryland.

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# Scotland

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Newtowne Neck State Park Point Lookout State Park, 11175 Point Lookout Rd, Scotland, 301-872-5688 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/newtowne.asox

A 776-acre peninsula surrounded by Breton Bay, St. Clements Bay and the Potomac River with seven miles of wildlife and recreational waterfront.

#### **Point Lookout State Park**

11175 Point Lookout Rd, Scotland, 301-872-5688 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/southern/pointlookout.aspx

Picturesque peninsula, once the site of a Confederate prison, and now with a museum, monuments and mysterious hauntings recalling its notorious past. §. \$

# Solomons Island

#### ATTRACTIONS

Calvert Marine Museum 14200 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons Island, 410-326-2042 www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

www.caverunamemuseum.com

Museum detailing the prehistoric past, natural environments and maritime heritage as well as sharing the unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. & \$

# Chesapeake Biological Lab

Visitor Center 200 Farren Ave, Solomons Island, 410-326-7443

# www.umces.edu/cbl/outreach

Museum about the ecology and natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay and the important contributions to our environmental heritage made by scientists.

# Drum Point Lighthouse

14200 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons Island, 410-326-2042 www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/199/ drum-point-lighthouse

An 1883 screwpile, cottage-type lighthouse and museum; one of three remaining icons of its type still situated on the Chesapeake Bay; NRHP.

#### Joseph C. Lore & Sons Oyster House 14430 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons Island 410-326-2878

www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/191/ lore-oyster-house

Restored 1934 oyster-packing house with tools and gear used by local watermen, new exhibits and displays on the Maryland Crab and Oyster Trail.

Solomons Island Winery 14571 S Solomons Island Rd, Solomons Island, 410-394-1933 www.solomonsislandwinery.com

Winery established in July 2004, producing award-winning wines and offering tastings of various specialty wines from orange cream to pumpkin roll. &

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Wm. B. Tennison 14150 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons Island, 410-326-2042 https://www.calvertmarinemuseum. com/194/wm-b-tennison

An 1899 log-built bugeye sailboat; the oldest Coast Guard-licensed, log-hulled vessel in the U.S. offering one-hour cruises around Solomons Island. \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Loch Jaw Charter Fishing 255 Lore Rd, Solomons Island, 410-474-0606

www.fishsolomons.com/fishingcharters/ lochjaw.htm

Charter offering fishing and hunting tours with old squaws, surf scoters, common scoters and white-winged scoters on the scenic Chesapeake Bay.

#### Renegade

Beacon Marina, 255 Lore Rd, Solomons Island, 301-449-7111 www.renegade-captainwally.com

Charter company offering a lifetime of fishing and boating experience (25+ years) and making half-day to full-day tours around Solomons Island.

#### Spring Cove Marina-Solomons

455 Lore Rd, Solomons Island, 410-326-2161 www.springcovemarina.com

Resort marina with full-service boatyard, ship's store, pool, fuel dock, free shuttle to area restaurants, shops and boat rentals.

# St. Leonard

#### ATTRACTIONS

Patuxent Environmental & Aquatic Research Laboratory (PEARL) 10545 Mackall Rd, St. Leonard,

443-885-5926 www.morgan.edu/pearl

Research center expanding the knowledge of nature and inspiring stewardship of the environment with tours and hands-on activities by appointment.

#### Perigeaux Vineyards & Winery 8650 Mackall Rd, St. Leonard,

410-586-2710 www.perigeaux.com

Eight acres of vines on a 27-acre farm providing beautiful settings to enjoy traditionally crafted wines unique to the soils and climate of the area. &

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum 10515 Mackall Rd, St. Leonard, 410-586-8501 www.iefpat.org

State museum of archaeology overlooking the Patuxent with picnicking, biking, hiking, a Visitor & Exhibit Center, kayak launch and an Indian Village. &

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Flag Harbor Yacht Haven 1565 Flag Harbor Blvd, St. Leonard, 410-586-1915 www.flagharbor.com Full-service marina and boatyard.

# St. Marv's Citv

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

Historic St. Mary's City Rt 5 & Rosecroft Rd, Visitor Ctr, 18751 Hogaboom Ln, St. Mary's City, 240-895-4990, 1-800-762-1634 www.hsmcdigshistory.org

Colorful living history and amazing archaeology at Maryland's first capital. Explore a Colonial plantation, tall ship, a brick chapel and an Indian hamlet. & \$

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# Valley Lee

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

St. George's Episcopal Church 19167 Poplar Hill Ln, Valley Lee, 301-994-0585 www.stgeorgesvalleylee.org

Site of the oldest Episcopal Parish in Maryland that has held continuous services on site since 1638; current church built in 1799.

# Waldorf

#### HISTORY & HERITAGE

The Dr. Mudd House Museum 3725 Dr. Samuel Mudd Rd, off Poplar Hill Rd, Waldorf, 301-645-6870 www.drmudd.org

Home of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, who treated President Lincoln's assassin John Wilkes Booth, offering a Victorian Christmas the first full weekend in Dec. & \$

### Welcome

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Goose Bay Marina & Campground 9365 Goose Bay Ln, Welcome, 301-932-0885 www.goosebaymarina.com

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# Berlin

ATTRACTIONS

Burley Oak Brewing Company 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin, 443-513-4647 www.burlevoak.com

Brewery producing distinctive small-batch ales with unsurpassed quality using new and traditional brewing methods; taste flights in the taproom.

Casino at Ocean Downs 10218 Racetrack Rd, Berlin, 410-641-0600 www.oceandowns.com

Casino and horse racing in the heart of Maryland's beach resort community with 900 slot machines, live table games and simulcast races from Jun-Aug

Frontier Town Campground and Park Rt 611, Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin, 410-641-0880, 1-800-228-5590 www.frontiertown.com

Western-themed park with nearly 600 campsites, a water park, high-ropes adventure park, fishing/crabbing pier, marina, dog park, mini golf and food. 🕭 \$

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum 208 N Main St. Berlin, 410-641-1019 www.tavlorhousemuseum.org

Berlin's town museum in a carefully restored, Federal-style house from the 19th century, displaying memorabilia of historic significance; NRHD. & \$

**Rackliffe Plantation House** 

11007 Tom Patton Ln, Berlin, 1-865-300-5609 www.rackliffehouse.org

Museum interpreting life on an 18thcentury coastal plantation with artifacts in the kitchen, spinning and children's rooms and original milk house. \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Assateague Island National Seashore** 7206 National Seashore Ln, Berlin, 410-641-1441, 1-877-444-6777 www.nps.gov/asis

Famous beaches, wild horses and abundant birds on a 37-mile barrier island offering primitive camping, nature trails and seasonal nature programs. & \$

#### Assateaque State Park

7307 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin, 410-641-2918. 1-888-432-2267 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/assateague.aspx

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#### Ayers Creek Adventures 8628 Grey Fox Ln, Berlin, 443-513-0889 www.ayerscreekadventures.com

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### SPORTS

Eagle's Landing Golf Course 12367 Eagles Nest Rd, Berlin,

410-213-7277, 1-800-283-3846 www.eagleslandinggolf.com Seaside golfing paradise located just

minutes from Ocean City and overlooking the serene Sinepuxent Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Assateaque Island.

#### **Ocean Resorts WWCC Golf Club** 10655 Cathell Rd, Berlin, 410-641-5643 www.oceanresortsgolfclub.com

Donated to Wor-Wic Community College of Salisbury in 2008, this challenging layout has undergone many exciting renovations. Open to the public.

### Cambridge

### **ARTS & CULTURE**

**Dorchester Center for the Arts** 321 High St, Cambridge, 410-228-7782 www.dorchesterarts.org

Center providing art classes, gallery shows, workshops, performances, an art gift shop and events for youth and adults. &

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Brannock Education & Research Center** 100 Maryland Ave, Cambridge, 410-221-1871

www.richardsonmuseum.org/brannock.htm Exhibits including early navigational

instruments, ship models, Chesapeake Bay and local maritime memorabilia and a maritime history library.



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# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Bucktown Village Store** 4303 Bucktown Rd, Cambridge, 410-901-9255 https://visitdorchester.org/ bucktown-village-store

Early-19th-century store and site of Harriet Tubman's first act of defiance with guided historic and nature tours and bike, canoe and kayak rentals. &

# Harriet Tubman Museum

and Educational Center 424 Race St, Cambridge, 410-228-0401 https://visitdorchester.org/harriettubman-museum-educational-center

Museum offering tours by appointment and exhibits on 19th-century slavery in the U.S., the Underground Railroad and events surrounding the Civil War. 🛓

#### **Heritage Museums**

& Gardens of Dorchester **Dorchester County Historical Society, 1003** Greenway Dr, Cambridge, 410-228-7953 www.dorchesterhistory.org

Historic buildings with interactive exhibits on farm life, timbering, water trades, hunting and trapping, Native Americans and local families. **§** \$

**Richardson Maritime Museum** 401 High St, Cambridge, 410-221-1871 www.richardsonmuseum.org

Chesapeake Bay ship models and waterman artifacts honoring the craftsmen, traditions and culture of Eastern Shore boatbuilding. 🕏

#### Spocott Windmill

1609 Hudson Rd, Cambridge, 410-228-7670 www.spocottwindmill.org

Historic windmill and Colonial cottage (c. 1800) with Civil War history, a Victorian schoolhouse (c. 1868), country store and WWII museum. 🕏

#### **Stanley Institute**

2400 Church Creek Rd, Cambridge, 410-228-6657

www.visitdorchester.org/stanley-institute One of Maryland's oldest schools organized and maintained by an African-American community; now a museum. &

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Blackwater Adventures 2524 Key Wallace Dr, Cambridge, 410-901-9255

www.blackwateradventuresmd.com

Excursions just minutes from Blackwater National Wildlife refuge offering bicycle, canoe and kavak rentals and guides for biking, hiking and paddling.

**Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge** 2145 Key Wallace Dr, Cambridge, 410-228-2677

www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater

Major bald eagle nesting area and waterfowl wintering ground with a visitors center, scenic wildlife drive and walking and paddling trails. & \$

Hyatt River Marsh Marina 100 Heron Blvd, Cambridge, 410-901-6380 https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/ maryland/hyatt-regency-chesapeakebay-golf-resort-spa-and-marina/chesa

A 150-slip marina including amenities such as fuel, laundry, fire pits, pools, dining, golf, a spa and more.

### Centreville ATTRACTIONS

**Bull and Goat Brewerv** 206 Banio Ln. Centreville www.bullandgoatbrewerv.com

Brewery serving up German-inspired craft beers, table games and music to complement what's on tap in the tasting room.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Museum of Eastern Shore Life 120 Dulin Clark Rd. Centreville. 410-758-2502 www.historicgac.org

Museum dedicated to collecting, preserving and displaying artifacts with exhibits relating to life along the Eastern Shore. 🕭

#### **Tucker House**

124 S Commerce St, Centreville, 410-758-2502 www.gachistory.org

A Federal-period townhouse (c. 1794) with six rooms and fireplaces, period furnishings, a collection of Rose Medallion china, a meat house and garden.

Wright's Chance (c. 1744) 119 S Commerce St. Centreville. 410-758-2502 www.qachistory.org

Early plantation house noted for its original wood paneling and excellent collection of antiques and Canton China.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

CD Outdoors, LLC The Wharf, 101 Water Way, Centreville, 410-991-8468 www.cdollaroutdoors.com

Passion for fishing the bay extends to kayak, light tackle and fly fishing. Also offering youth fishing camps and max charter size is four people. &

# Charlestown

## **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

107 House Market & Cecil sts, Charlestown, 410-287-8262 www.charlestownmd.org/towninformation/charlestown-history

Federal-period restored Colonial home (1810) with a basement kitchen and 19th-century wooden water tower (brought in the 1980s); donations accepted.

# Chesapeake City

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** C&D Canal Museum (1837) 815 Bethel Rd, Chesapeake City, 410-885-5622

Museum located within an original 18thcentury pump house depicting the history and operation of the canal connecting the Chesapeake to Delaware bays.

#### C&D Canal Museum (1837) 815 Bethel Rd, Chesapeake City, 410-885-5622 https://chesapeakecity.com

Depicts the history and operation of the canal connecting the Chesapeake and Delaware bays

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Brewer Bohemia Vista Marina** 140 Vista Marina Rd, Chesapeake City, 410-885-2056 www.byy.com/chesapeakecity

Marina where transient cruisers and snowbirders will find easy access and a quiet, safe harbor for the night or for an

# extended stay. Chester

### ATTRACTIONS

**Delmarva Balloon Rides** 1137 Little Creek Rd, Chester, 301-814-3297 https://mdballoonrides.com

Balloon rides over the Eastern Shore (morning/afternoon), seven days a week; gift certificates, private proposal flights and photography available \$

# Chester/Kent Narrows

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

Kent Narrows Waterfront District/Kent Narrows Development Foundation Chesapeake Heritage & Visitor Center Bldg, 1st FI, 425 Piney Narrows Rd, Chester/Kent Narrows, 410-604-2491

www.kentnarrowsmd.com

Waterfront village has dockside restaurants, hotels, shops, marinas, music & fishing. Home to Watermen's Way Heritage Trail from Chester to Grasonville

See ad on page 109.

# Chestertown

# ATTRACTIONS

Cassinelli Distilling 323 High St, Chestertown, 410-556-6825 www.cassinelliwinery.com

Micro distillery serving up vodka, gin, brandy and whiskey with daily tastings and tours in the historic district of downtown Chestertown.

Sultana Education Foundation 200 S Cross St & Chestertown Waterfront. Chestertown, 410-778-5954 www.sultanaeducation.org

Home to Sultana Education Foundation teaching ecology and Colonial maritime history with public sails (weekends) and an annual Downrigging Festival.

Tag Along Alpacas, LLC 8139 Broadneck Rd, Chestertown, 443-480-0676 www.tagalongalpacas.com

Family-owned alpaca farm in scenic Kent County raising Huacaya alpacas in a variety of colors and offering 293 acres of farmland, pastures and ponds.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Cliffs School House Museum Rt 289 Quaker Neck Rd, Chestertown, 410-778-9173

www.kentcounty.com/cliffs-school-1

An architectural landmark. Watermen's and farming community (1878-1939) with a one-room school house displaying early artifacts and furnishings.

# **Custom House/Waterfront Tours**

The Custom House, 101 S Water St, Chestertown, 410-810-7161 www.washcoll.edu/about/campus/ custom-house

A guided tour of a historic Custom House with waterfront heritage and tours highlighting the rich history of the area dating back to city's founding.

G.A.R. Post #25, Inc. - Sumner Hall 206 S Queen St, Chestertown, 443-282-0023

www.sumnerhall.org

Historic African-American Civil War veterans hall restored as a museum and community center featuring pubic humanities programs. &

Historical Society of Kent County 301 High St, Chestertown, 410-778-3499 www.kentcountyhistory.org

Ongoing exhibits and lectures offering an overview of local history, as well as a research library, visitor information and a museum shop. &

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

chesaneake-farms.html

**Chesapeake Farms** 7319 Remington Dr, Chestertown, 410-778-8400 www.corteva.us/Resources/

A 3.000-acre wildlife, agricultural research and demonstration area with free self-guided driving tour and accompanying brochure.

Maryland Outfitters and Guides Association Inc. 6586 Kings Grant Ln, Chestertown, 410-708-0700 www.mdoga.org

Licensed professional guides offering hunting trips (Canada geese, puddle ducks, doves, deer, turkey and bears), fishing charters and sporting clays.

KEY TO SYMBOLS 🗄 = Disability Accessible 🦐 = Pet Friendly 💲 = Admission 🌲 = Maryland Green Travel Partner

Worton Creek Marina, LLC 23145 Buck Neck Rd, Chestertown, 410-778-3282 www.wortoncreek.com

Full service marina, restaurant, pool, gift shop, marine hardware, 25T and 70T marine travelifts, open and covered slips, dry storage and complete repairs. 🖮

### Church Creek

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Buttons Creek: Jane Kane Escape Site Rt 335 and Little Blackwater River, Church Creek, 410-228-2677 www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater

Harriet Tubman's brother hoped to marry Jane Kane but her enslaver wouldn't allow it. She fled, disguised in men's clothing.

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center and State Park 4068 Golden Hill Rd. Church Creek. 410-221-2290 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/tubman.aspx

State Park and visitors center commemorating the life and legacy of the legendary abolitionist Harriet Tubman; on the Harriet Tubman Scenic Byway. 🕭

Sawyer Fishing Charters 1345 Hoopers Island Rd, Church Creek, 410-397-3743 www.sawvercharters.com

Full and half-day fishing charters, lighthouse and sunset cruises on the Chesapeake Bay catering to group tour companies with tour packages for buses.

# Church Hill

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

**Church Hill Theatre** 103 Walnut St, Church Hill, 410-556-6003 www.churchhilltheatre.org

Historic art deco architecture with live theater, concerts, youth theater programs and children's plays as well as camps and various performing arts. & \$

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Cassinelli Winery & Vineyards** 3830 Church Hill Rd, Church Hill, 410-556-6825

www.cassinelliwinery.com

Family-owned and operated boutique winery producing wines from its own fruit and other Eastern Shore vinevards with tasting room and souvenir glass. &

11138 Three Bridge Branch Rd, Cordova,

Wine tasting room and vineyard committed

to making high-quality, innovative wines.

Also offers a charming rural event space

### Cordova ATTRACTIONS

410-924-4190

Crisfield

ATTRACTIONS

Marsh Sanctuary.

Triple Creek Winery

www.triplecreekwinery.com

just a few miles off Rt 50.

**Crisfield Heritage Foundation** 

3 Ninth St, Crisfield, 410-968-2501

www.crisfieldheritagefoundation.org

The starting point for Port of Crisfield

walking tour comprised of Tawes Museum, Ward Brothers Workshop and Cedar Island

# EASTERN SHORE

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

J. Millard Tawes Museum 3 Ninth St, Crisfield, 410-968-2501 www.crisfieldheritage.org/museums

Museum with exhibits covering Crisfield's maritime past, including natural history, the crab and oyster industries, shipbuilding, decoys and more. & \$

The Ward Brothers Workshop 3195 Sackertown Rd, Crisfield, 410-968-2501

www.crisfieldheritage.org/museums Discover the inspiration and genius of the two brothers whose decoy carvings transformed pragmatic realism into expressive realization. &

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Janes Island State Park 26280 Alfred J. Lawson Dr, Crisfield, 410-968-1565, 1-877-620-8367 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/janesisland.aspx

Park along the Tangier Sound with more than 30 miles of water and walking trails, campsites, cabins, pavilions, a nature center and beach boat access.

Somers Cove Marina

715 Broadway, Crisfield, 410-968-0925, 1-800-967-3474

www.somerscovemarina.com

The perfect marina for boating, sailing, fishing or just relaxing on the Chesapeake Bay. 515 slips, 150 transient. Call for more information (800) 967-FISH.

#### SHOPPING

Smith Island Baking Co.

45 W Chesapeake Ave, Crisfield, 410-425-2253 www.smithislandcake.com

Bakery serving up Maryland's state dessert, a symbol of fellowship and community, and offering 30 percent discounts off online prices.

# Denton

ARTS & CULTURE

Fiber Arts Center

7 N Fourth St, Denton, 410-479-0009 www.fiberartscenter.com

Local resource center for fiber artists and fiber arts enthusiasts. Showcasing traditional quilting with classes, exhibits, festivals and contests.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Caroline County Courthouse and Jail Courthouse Square, 109 Market St, Denton, 410-479-2730 www.harriettubmanbyway.org

Where Underground Railroad operatives and

enslaved people fleeing their bonds were held. This site is on the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway.

#### **Denton Steamboat Wharf**

10219 River Landing Rd, Denton, 410-479-0655

www.harriettubmanbyway.org

At this wharf, captured Underground Railroad agent Hugh Hazlett and seven freedom seekers boarded the steamer *Kent* to return to Cambridge, from which they fled.

Museum of Rural Life 16 N 2nd St, Denton, 410-479-2055 www.carolinehistory.org

Museum depicting the historical lifestyles of rural Caroline County including Taylor-Brown Dwelling, the Painter's Range log cabin and old properties. & Richard Potter Home Site 9 N 4th St, Denton, 410-479-2730 www.carolinehistory.org

In this post-Civil War residence of Richard Potter, he wrote kidnapping narrative *The Narrative of the Experience, Adventures and Escape of Richard Potter.* 

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Martinak State Park

137 Deep Shore Rd, Denton, 410-820-1668 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/ eastern/martinak.aspx

Park nestled along Watts Creek and the Choptank River offering excellent camping and cabin facilities; popular activities include fishing and boating. &

# Earlesville

#### ATTRACTIONS

Broken Spoke Vineyard and Winery 924 Glebe Rd, Earlesville, 302-547-6022 www.brokenspokewinery.com

A gentleman's farm located in Maryland's Eastern Shore with two main wine lines (named "Animal Talks" and "Take a Break"), a tasting wheel and events.

# Earleville

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Mount Harmon Plantation 600 Mount Harmon Rd, Earleville, 410-275-8819

www.mountharmon.org

Restored 18th-century manor and tobacco plantation including a nature preserve, boxwood garden, tobacco prize house, guided tours and special events. \$

#### SHOPPING

Painted Sky Alpaca Farm & Fiber Mill 95 Knight House Ln, Earleville, 410-275-9423

www.paintedskvalpacafarm.com

A farm for getting up close to, meeting and learning about alpacas. Farm offers fiber mill tours, a gift shop, and individual, family and group tours. \$

## East New Market

# HISTORY & HERITAGE

Faith Community United Methodist Church

#### 509 Railroad Ave, East New Market, 410 943-4383

www.umc.org/find-a-church/church/79030

Once a stop on the Underground Railroad where agent Reverend Green helped Harriet Tubman, the "Dover Eight" and many others to freedom.

### Easton

#### ARTS & CULTURE

#### Academy Art Museum

106 South St, Easton, 410-822-2787 www.academyartmuseum.org

Nationally-recognized art museum, accredited by the American Association of Museums, presenting exhibitions, classes, concerts and outreach programs. & \$

### ATTRACTIONS

Avalon Theatre 40 E Dover St, Easton, 410-822-7299 www.avalonfoundation.org

Beautiful art deco theater offering a yearround schedule of performing arts and community events. Chapel's Country Creamery-Easton 10380 Chapel Rd, Easton, 410-820-6647 www.chapelscreamery.com

Small, family-owned farm across 45 acres producing farmstead artisan raw milk and cheeses found at retailers throughout the state.

### ATTRACTIONS

Far Eastern Shore Winery 8370 Ocean Gtwy, Easton, 410-690-8756 www.feswinery.com

Family-owned, boutique micro winery located on the Eastern Shore featuring non-traditional, lightly sweet fruit-grape wine blends and a tasting room. &

Little Round Top Church Rt 50, Easton, 410-822-0475 http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/ wm9h7\_peachblossom\_meetinghouse

Hexagonal roadside structure and small church designed so that, "the devil would have no corner in which to sit and hatch evil."

#### HISTORY & HERITAGE

Frederick Douglass Driving Tour of Talbot County

11 S Harrison St, Easton, 410-770-8000 https://frederickdouglassbirthplace.org/ driving-tour

Self-guided driving tour gives visitors an overview of Douglass' early life at 14 sites. Tour brochure available from the Historical Society of Talbot County.

#### Frederick Douglass Statue at Talbot County Courthouse

11 N Washington St, Easton, 410-770-8000 www.frederickdouglasshonorsociety.org

Statue on the courthouse lawn by Jay Hall Carpenter. Erected in 2011, portraying Douglass at the podium delivering his "Self-Made Man" speech.

#### **Talbot Historical Society**

30 S Washington St, Easton, 410-822-0773 www.talbothistory.org

Museum, gardens, rotating exhibitions and research center; guided walking tours available by appointment.

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Pickering Creek Audubon Center 11450 Audubon Ln, Easton, 410-822-4903 www.pickeringcreek.org

Wildlife sanctuary near Easton with 400 acres featuring forest, shoreline, freshwater wetlands, nature trails, gardens and a canoe launch. &

### Eden

#### ATTRACTIONS

Bordeleau Vineyards and Winery 3155 Noble Farm Rd, Eden, 410-677-3334 www.bordeleauwine.com

Vineyard with award-winning wines, a tasting room, picnic area, winery tours, a dock for water arrivals, farm and water scenery and free parking. &

# Elkton

## **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Historical Society of Cecil County 135 E Main St, Elkton, 410-398-1790 www.cecilhistory.org

A resource center with local history archives, a genealogical library, military museum and artifacts as well as a local history library and log cabin. & \$ Sheriff John F. Dewitt Museum 135 E Main St, Elkton, 410-398-1790 www.cecilhistory.org

Museum displaying military memorabilia of all armed forces branches in the United States, dating from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm. &

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Fair Hill Resource Management Area (NRMA) 300 Tawes Dr, Elkton, 410-398-1246 www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/fairhill.aspx

A 5,613-acre former duPont estate with equestrian traditions, now featuring a turf course, historic covered bridge, events and 80 miles of trails. &

# See ad on page 14. Federalsburg

Faulkner Branch Cidery

www.faulknerbranch.com

speakeasy-style tasting room.

4822 Preston Rd, Federalsburg,

A family-run cidery and orchard brewing

fresh and fermented hard ciders and

**Girdletree Barnes Bank Museum** 

Snow Hill Rd, Girdletree, 410-632-1641

www.visitworcester.org/index.php/site/

article/girdletree-barnes-bank-museum

memorabilia pertaining to Girdletree's past.

**Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center** 

Explore the natural history of Maryland's

Watermen's Memorial Monument

attempting to keep their boat afloat,

425 Kent Narrows Way N, Grasonville,

The last full-time year-round oyster shucking and packing operation. Oysters

428 Kent Narrows Way N, Grasonville,

Everything you need in a marina. Embrace

a social, maritime way of life in this secure oasis. & S

DESTINATION MARYLAND 💠 143

Main St at Kent Narrows Way, Grasonville

Monument and memorial of two watermen

dedicated to all Maryland natives who have

Eastern Shore and local conservation efforts while hiking scenic trails, birdwatching and

Displays, pictures and documents located

A tour through small town history with

offering u-pick apples in autumn and a

ATTRACTIONS

410-829-0334

Girdletree

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

in a restored 1902 bank.

600 Discovery Ln, Grasonville,

www.bavrestoration.org

kavaking/canoeing, 🕏 🕯

died while on the water.

Harris Seafood Co,LLC

http://harrisseafoodco.com

are sold to the public as well.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Mears Point Marina** 

www.mearspoint.com

410-827-8888

DINING

410-827-8104

https://visitgueenannes.com

Grasonville

ATTRACTIONS

410-827-6694

at Blades Orchard

**Tuna The Tide** 404 Greenwood Creek Ln. Grasonville.

410-310-1200

www.exploredelmarva.com

Charters for light tackle, fly, jigging or live lining, or the more traditional trolling and chumming. Crabbing also available for your enjoyment. Sightseeing, cruising and nature tours available by the day or hour. 🖮

#### Wells Cove Marina 120 Channel Marker Way, Grasonville, 410-827-3869

www.wellscovetownhomesandmarina.com

Marina featuring state-of-the-art construction and floating slips as well as access to local restaurants and bike trails along the Cross Island Trail.

# Henderson

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Schrader's Outdoors 16090 Oakland Rd, Henderson, 410-758-1824 www.schradersoutdoors.com

Eastern Shore tradition since 1979. We offer thousands of acres for Maryland's prime hunting properties. Onsite lodging, meals and sporting clays course.

### Kennedvville

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Crow Vineyard and Winery** 12441 Vansant Corner Rd, Kennedyville, 410-648-5687

www.crowvineyardandwinery.com

Wines and pairing trays made from homegrown items, such as local grass-fed Angus Beef and farm fresh cheeses, in a charming tasting room. &

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Hopkins Game Farm 13003 Turners Creek Rd, Kennedyville, 410-348-5287

www.honkinshunting-clavs.com

Sporting clays. NSCA-5-Stand. Deer and goose hunting on Maryland's Eastern Shore. &

# Madison

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** Jacob Jackson Home Site

Rt 16. Madison

Home site of Jacob Jackson, a free black farmer and noted veterinarian who decoded letter from Tubman and arranged escape of her brothers from the area

#### Parson's Creek: Keene

**Family Escape Route** Parsons Creek at Rt 16, Madison, 410-228-1000 www.harriettubmanbyway.org

In April 1831, Joseph Keene and his wife Nellie stole a small boat and sailed their seven children to freedom from Parsons Creek in Dorchester County.

# Mardela Springs

ATTRACTIONS

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#### Adkins Historical & Museum Complex, Inc 106 Brattan St, Mardela Springs, 410-302-2298

https://adkinshistoricalandmuseumcompl. aodaddvsites.com

Ten historical buildings and a privy dedicated to preserving past village life are open for free tours by appointment. Call for schedule.

VISITMARYLAND.ORG | 1-877-209-5883

Mason-Dixon Marker (1768) Rt 54, Mardela Springs, 410-548-4914 http://www.waymarking.com/ waymarks/wm3D51\_mason\_and\_ dixon\_stone\_1768\_1981\_maryland Southern marker of the Mason-Dixon line installed to settle boundary disputes between Penn/Calvert families, whose coats of arms it bears

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Barren Creek Heritage Museum** 413 Main St, Mardela Springs, 410-726-8047, 410-742-9028 www.westsidehistorical.com

Museum exhibits about the history. traditions and heritage of Wicomico County's Nanticoke River focusing on the town as a mineral water spa attraction. 🛓 \$

### **Barren Creek Heritage Museum**

& Historic Church 413 Main St, Mardela Springs, 410-726-8047, 410-742-9028 https://westsidehistorical.com

Wicomico County's Nanticoke River watershed area's history, traditions and cultural heritage. Special focus on town's history as a mineral water spa attraction. & \$

# Marvdel

ATTRACTIONS Mason-Dixon Crownstone (1762) MD Rt 454 & DE Rt 8, Marydel,

410-479-4188 www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=3847

Look for the elaborately carved English limestone post bearing the coats of arms of Lord Baltimore and William Penn just off the highway

# Massev

#### ATTRACTIONS

Massey Air Museum Inc. 33541 Maryland Line Rd, Massey, 410-928-5270 www.masseyaero.org

Active rural grassroots aviation museum and airport housing vintage aircraft, artifacts, hands-on exhibits, a restoration shop and library. 🕭

# North East

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge** Rt 272, North East, 410-996-6292 www.mdcoveredbridges.com/gilpinsfalls.html

A 119-ft. Burr arch covered bridge (c. 1860) that can be seen from Rt 272. NRHP.

**Turkey Point Vineyard, LLC** 116 S Main St, North East, 410-287-WINE http://www.turkeypointwines.com

Family-owned tasting room serving up wines fresh from the vineyard. One of Maryland's best-kept secrets.

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Turkey Point Lighthouse** 4395 Turkey Point Rd, North East, 410-287-5333

www.tpls.org

Lighthouse atop a 100-ft. bluff offering stunning views of the Chesapeake Bay and still acting as a navigation beacon within Elk Neck State Park.

## Upper Bay Museum

219 Walnut St, North East, 410-287-2675 www.upperbaymuseum.org

A unique collection of artifacts celebrating the heritage of Upper Bay watermen with boats, decoys, fishing gear, motors, oars, guns and sink boxes. 5

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Elk Neck State Park 4395 Turkey Point Rd, North East, 410-287-5333, 1-800-830-3974 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/central/elkneck.aspx

Beaches, marshlands, wooded bluffs at headwaters of the Chesapeake with views from Turkey Point Lighthouse. Launching ramps, a tent and cabin camping. 🛓 \$

### Ocean City ATTRACTIONS

# **Baja Amusements**

12639 Ocean Gtwy, Ocean City, 410-213-2252 (BAJA) http://baiaoc.com

Real speed, real racing and family fun for everyone. Eight go-kart tracks, mini golf, family and kiddie rides and much more. 🕭

**Boardwalk Hotel Group** 2200 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, 888-465-3451 www.boardwalkhotels.com

Stay at an oceanfront hotel directly on Ocean Citv's Boardwalk. Hotels offer packaged motorcoach tours, free parking, Wi-Fi and on-site restaurants. 🛓 💲 🐂

### See ad on page 107.

Fin City Brewing Company 12913 Ocean Gtwy, Ocean City, 410-213-1771 www.fincitvbrewina.com

Inside Hooper's Crab House are great hand-crafted beers served up by Ocean City's Oldest Brewery with a convenient restaurant setting for easy pairing.

#### Grand Prix Amusements 12424 Ocean Gtwy, Ocean City,

410-213-1278 www.grandprixoc.com

There's fun and excitement for all ages with eight go kart tracks, bumper boats, climbing wall, batting cages and more. Just over Rt 50 bridge on the left.

Jolly Roger Amusement Park 30th St & Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, 410-289-3477 www.jollyrogerpark.com

Rides, games, 10-track speed world with 400 go-karts, Splash Mountain Water Park, AquaLoop and activity centers with jungle and treasure golf.

#### **Ocean City Brewing Company** 5509 Coastal Hwy, 56th St, Ocean City, 443-664-6682 www.facebook.com/ocbrewingcompany

Huge full-scale craft brewery with a family restaurant, sports pub, arcade games, musical performances on weekends and a aift shop. 🕭

Ocean City Center for the Arts 502 94th St, Ocean City, 410-524-9433 www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Beautiful visual arts center featuring galleries, artist studios, a gift shop, pottery studio and hands-on art instruction for all ages.

### **Ocean City Life-Saving Station** Museum

813 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, 410-289-4991 www.ocmuseum.org

Exhibits about the U.S. Life-Saving Service of Delmarva Peninsula, Boardwalk of Yesterday, Surf's Up with an Aquarium Room and Children's Discovery Room. \$

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# ProTrack

12424 Ocean Gtwy, Ocean City, 443-944-7173 http://protrackoc.com

Ocean City go-karts. Strap on a helmet and race your friends. Speeds up to 30mph. Timing system and must be 16yrs old, 58" and have a valid ID

#### **Ripley's Believe It or Not!**

401 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, 410-289-5600 www.ripleys.com/oceancity

Museum located right on the boardwalk with an "Odditorum" displaying unusual artifacts and artworks, a Mirror Maze, Laser Ace and Candy Factory. 🐁 \$

Trimper's Rides of Ocean City Boardwalk & S First sts, Ocean City, 410-289-8617 www.trimpersrides.com

More than 100 years of rides and amusements at the home of one of the oldest carousels and famous indoor/outdoor rides just off the boardwalk.

#### EVENT FACILITES

**Roland E. Powell Convention Center** 4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, 410-289-2800, 1-800-0C-0CEAN www.ocmdconventioncenter.com/ convention-center

Meeting and event venue offering 214,000 sq. ft. of convention center space, 10 miles of beach with scenic views and everything in between

Breathtaking oceanfront views await, relax

and unwind in our premiere boardwalk

#### Courtvard by Marriott

See ad on page 107.

**Grand Hotel & Spa** 

800-447-6779

OUTDOOR RECREATION

2100 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City,

www.grandhoteloceancity.com

several amenities to offer &

5003 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City,

www.odvsseawatersports.com

Family-run watersports for more than 21

years, and number one on TripAdvisor

and Yelp, offering jetski, pontoon boat, paddleboard and kayak rentals.

101 E Strand (end of Rt 333), Oxford,

America's oldest privately-owned ferry

Tred Avon River and carrying cars,

(established in 1683) crossing the scenic

motorcycles, bikes and passengers. & \$

See ad on page 107.

410-723-4227

Oxford

ATTRACTIONS

410-745-9023

**Oxford-Bellevue Ferrv** 

www.oxfordferrv.com

**Odyssea Water-Sports** 

Complete Oceanfront getaway on the

from historic attractions. The hotel has

famous Ocean City Boardwalk, steps away

location. 🕏

**Ocean City Oceanfront** 2 15th St, Ocean City, 410-289-5008 www.marriott.com/sbyoc

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Oxford Museum 100 S Morris St, Oxford, 410-226-0191 www.oxfordmuseummd.org

Museum housing 2,500 artifacts and exhibits on 18th and 19th-century history and stretching for 350 years with emphasis on the unique town of Oxford. &

Tench Tilghman Monument Oxford Cemetery, Rt 333, Oxford, 410-770-8000 www.tourtalbot.org

Monument and memorial grave of Colonel Tench Tilghman, aide-de-camp to George Washington, lieutenant colonel and trusted member of his staff.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Campbell's Boatyards Custom Yachts & Yachts Sales 26106A Bachelor Harbor, Oxford, 410-226-5592 www.campbellsboatyards.com

Three full-service marinas/boatyards. Offers custom boat building, yacht sales services and transient dockage available. Certified Cummins dealer.

# Perryville

#### ATTRACTIONS

Cecil County Holly Tree Jackson Station Rd, Perryville, 410-996-8101 www.cecilhollvtree.com

(1st & 3rd Sat ) in Dec.

Sown in 1870, first decorated by B&O Railroad (1947) and known as "Travelers' Christmas Tree;" lighting and Santa events

Hollywood Casino Perryville 1201 Chesapeake Overlook Pkwy, Perryville, 410-378-8500

www.hollywoodcasinoperryville.com Features more than 850 Vegas-style slot

machines, the hottest table games, dining that always gets two forks up and weekly live entertainment.

#### SPORTS

Furnace Bay Golf Course 79 Chesapeake View Rd, Perryville, 410-642-6816 www.furnacebayac.com

Bent grass from tee box to green you'd be hard pressed to find a more enjoyable or affordable round anywhere. &

# **Pocomoke City**

#### ATTRACTIONS

Delmarva Discovery Museum 2 Market St, Pocomoke City, 410-957-9933 www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

Museum uncovering Delmarva's cultural and natural heritage through education and exploration with hands-on learning and river otter exhibit. §

Delmarva Discovery Museum 2 Market St, Pocomoke City, 410-957-9933 www.delmarvadiscoverymuseum.org

Inspires appreciation of Delmarva's cultural and natural heritage. Hands-on interactive learning for all ages. River otter exhibit and touch pool; aift store. & \$

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Costen House & Hall-Walton Memorial Garden 206 Market St, Pocomoke City, 410-956-3110 www.theclio.com/web/entry?id=7597 First Mayor of Pocomoke's home inside a Victorian Italianate structure built shortly after the Civil War and displaying town and country memorabilia. \$

Sturgis One-Room School Museum 209 Willow St, Pocomoke City, 410-957-1913

https://worcestermuseums.org/sturgisone-room-school-and-heritage-house.php

The only African-American one-room school museum in county (c. 1900) with recently added Heritage House (dating to 1850) and other must-see exhibits. &

# Preston

### ATTRACTIONS

Preston Historical Society 167 Main St, Preston, 410-310-5454

www.prestonhistoricalsociety.com Historical society with exhibits about the local history of Preston and surrounding towns: quilts and relics inside a historic

towns; quilts and relics inside a historic home built in 1833. &

### HISTORY & HERITAGE

Jacob and Hannah Leverton House 3531 Seaman Road, Preston, 410 479-2730 www.harriettubmanbyway.org

Former safe haven. Part of Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway audio tour. Private property; there is a pull over to see a byway interpretive marker.

#### Joseph Cornish Escape from Gilpin's Point

Holly Park Dr, Preston, 410-479-2730 www.harriettubmanbyway.org

Enslaved Joseph Cornish escaped on a vessel on the Choptank River from Gilpin's Point. He told his story to William Still, who recorded it.

#### Linchester Mill

3390 Linchester Mill Rd, Preston, 410-673-1910 www.carolinehistory.org/places/

linchester-mill-campus

Once the nation's oldest-running business that sold grain to George Washington's army during the Revolution; now with scenic recreation for all ages.

Poplar Neck Plantation at Marsh Creek NW side of Marsh Creek Bridge, Poplar Neck Rd, Preston, 410-479-2730 www.harriettubmanbyway.org

This area is part of the former Anthony C. Thompson "Poplar Neck" plantation where Harriet Tubman conducted several escape missions during the 1850s.

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outstanding Dreams Farm 24480 Pinetown Rd, Preston, 410-673-2002 www.outstandingdreamsfarm.com Tour and learn more about this Huacaya

Alpaca farm and pick up unique items from yarn, rovings and raw fleece to finished garments, linens and more.

# **Princess Anne**

### **ARTS & CULTURE**

faculty exhibits. 🕭

Mosely Gallery University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, 11931 Art Shell Plaza, Princess Anne, 410-651-7770

www.moselygallery.com Gallery with year-round exhibitions of established and up-and-coming artists in a

variety of mediums, including student and

ATTRACTIONS

Spirits of Patriots 11501 Progress Ln, Princess Anne, 443-880-6912 https://www.sopdistillery.com

Veteran-owned craft distillery proving the Army and the Marine Corps can work together for more than 25 years. Tours and tastings by appointment. &

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Teackle Mansion 11736 Mansion St, Princess Anne, 410-651-2238 http://www.somersetcountyhistoricalsociety. oro/teackle-mansion.html

Neoclassical brick mansion (c. 1802) and 10,000-sq. ft. American villa-style house; now home of a local historical society offering tours; NRHP. & \$

# Quantico

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Green Hill Country Club** 5471 Whitehaven Rd, Quantico, 410-749-5119

www.greenhillcc.com

An 18-hole championship course featuring special events (public/private), a riverside bar and a restaurant with scenic views.

#### Whitehaven Ferry

23865 River St, Quantico, 410-543-2765 www.wicomicocounty.org/301/ ferry-schedule

Oldest continuously operating ferry in U.S. history providing an intimate ride (seats six passengers) across the Wicomico and dating to 1687.

# Queen Anne

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Tuckahoe State Park 13070 Crouse Mill Rd, Queen Anne, 410-820-1668

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/tuckahoe.aspx

Park with a 60-acre lake and creek for paddling and 15 miles of multi-use trails; other amenities include camping, cabins, pavilions and picnic areas. &

# Queenstown

#### ATTRACTIONS

Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area 632 Wye Island Rd, Queenstown, 410-827-7577 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/wyeisland.aspx

Preserve with 2,800 acres of waterfowl and native wildlife offering special events, hunting, hiking, biking, horseback riding and a convention center. &

# Ridgely ATTRACTIONS

# Adkins Arboretum

12610 Eveland Rd, Ridgely, 410-634-2847 www.adkinsarboretum.org

Beautiful 400-acre native garden and preserve with art exhibits, gardens, five miles of meadow and woodland paths, native plant sales and a gift shop. Ł \$ ♣

# **Rising Sun**

# ATTRACTIONS

Dove Valley Vineyard & Winery 645 Harrington Rd, Rising Sun, 410-658-8388

www.dovevalleywine.com

Vineyard producing award-winning wines from hand-harvested grapes aged in oak casks and offering tastings, events and dinner performances. A

Plumpton Park Zoo 1416 Telegraph Rd, Rising Sun, 410-658-6850 www.plumptonparkzoo.org

Exotic animals (giraffes, tigers, bears, deer, wolves, monkeys and kangaroos) in a pastoral country setting with picnic, playground and petting areas. & \$

### SPORTS

Chesapeake Bay Golf Club 128 Karen Dr, Rising Sun, 410-658-4343 www.chesapeakegolf.com

Public course with open fairways, manicured tees and perfect greens that would please any golfer and hosts Maryland's first accredited foot golf course.

## Rock Hall

#### ARTS & CULTURE

The Mainstay 5753 Main St, Rock Hall, 410-639-9133 www.mainstayrockhall.org

Storefront performing arts center presenting local, regional and national artists in a friendly, intimate room with great sound and sight lines. &  $\$ 

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

#### Rock Hall Museum 5585 Main St, Rock Hall, 410-639-2296 www.friendsofrockhall.org

Georgian Colonial landmark house (1767) with decoy-carving shop replica, marine trades artifacts, ship/boat models and fishing/oystering exhibits.

**Tolchester Beach Revisited Museum** 

Behind Oyster Ct Shoppes, Sharp & Main

https://www.kentcounty.com/recreation/

Museum dedicated to a rapidly fading time

with artifacts, memorabilia and photos of

a bygone-era amusement park operating

tolchester-beach-revisited-museum

sts. Rock Hall, 410-778-5347

from 1877 to 1962.

410-778-6697

410-708-1803

museum

Waterman's Museum

dwellings and boats. &

OUTDOOR RECREATION

20880 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall,

www.rockhallmd.com/watermans-

Blue Crab Chesapeake Charters

Departing from Waterman's Crab House

(five times per day) on the Chesapeake Bay

DESTINATION MARYLAND 💠 145

with daily sails, sunset cruises or custom

21211 Bock Hall Ave. Bock Hall.

www.bluecrabcharters.com

itineraries upon request.

Museum exploring Chesapeake Bay life and

history, crabbing, fishing and oyster-tonging

with carvings, historical photographs, old

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge 1730 Eastern Neck Rd, Rock Hall, 410-639-7056

www.fws.gov/refuge/eastern\_neck Staging area for tundra swans housing 234 bird species (migratory waterfow) and nesting bald eagles) and trails, picnic areas and observation decks.

Eastern Shore Hunting/Chesapeake Bay Fishing

6542 Tolchester Rd, Rock Hall, 410-778-3191, 1-800-289-0474 www.gatlingguideservice.com

Outfitter with 40+ years experience guiding goose/duck hunting parties and Chesapeake Bay sport fishing parties (corporate and private tours).

Elligail Charters 5573 Boundary Ave, Rock Hall, 443-480-1804

www.elligailcharters.com

Fishing charter offering a range of excursions from sea duck hunts to sunset cruises that include Kent Island, Baltimore, Annapolis and St. Michaels.

#### Haven Harbour Marina 20880 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall, 410-778-6697

www.havenharbour.com

Award-winning resort and marina, boatyard and inn serving families and boating enthusiasts alike traveling from states across the mid-Atlantic region.

#### **Haven Harbour South**

21144 Green Ln, Rock Hall, 410-778-6697 www.havenharbour.com

Full-service port of call for your family and boat. Extensive on-shore amenities: boat sales/brokerage and Cat's Paw Gift & Clothing Boutique. Picked "Best of the Bay" by *Waterway Guide* and *Chesapeake Bay* magazine readers. &

Intimidator Fishing Charters 5639 Walnut St, Rock Hall, 410-639-7420 www.rockhallintimidatorfishing.com

Captain Manley welcomes you aboard his fishing vessel, *Intimidator*, hailing from scenic Rock Hall harbor, to catch our famous Chesapeake Bay rockfish.

#### Misty Charters

POBox 375, Rock Hall, 410-708-5603 https://www.kentcounty.com/recreation/ fishing/fishing-charters/misty-charters

Morning and afternoon charter fishing and sunset cruises. Max charter size is six people.

Osprey Point Marina 20786 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall, 410-639-2194 www.ospreypoint.com

160-slip floating dock marina with a waterfront inn, gourmet restaurant, outdoor pool, and free wireless internet. Great for weddings, getaways and special events.

#### **Rock Bottom Charters**

5655 Walnut St, Rock Hall, 410-708-6076 www.fishunt.net/fish

Tours offering waterfowl and deer hunting on Maryland's Eastern Shore and fishing on the Chesapeake Bay with a max charter size of six people.

Rock Hall Landing Marina 5657 S Hawthorne Ave, Rock Hall, 410-639-2224

Floating docks with electric, cable TV, pumpout, pool, BBQ area, hi & dry service, bike rental, lodging, playground, internet and climate-controlled bathhouses.

117 Elizabeth St at Poplar Hill Ave, Salisbury, 410-749-1776 www.poplarhillmansion.org

Federal house museum and mansion (1795) with Palladian and bull's-eye windows, finely-carved interior woodwork and original brass locks and hardware. \$

# Smith Island

Poplar Hill Mansion

ATTRACTIONS

Smith Island 410-425-2771 www.smithisland.org

Maryland's only inhabited island accessible exclusively by boat and encompassing three villages (Ewell, Tylerton and Rhodes Point) west of Crisfield.

### Snow Hill HISTORY & HERITAGE

Furnace Town Living Heritage Village 3816 Old Furnace Rd, Snow Hill, 410-632-2032

www.furnacetown.com

Village set in the Pocomoke Forest and built around the Nassawango Iron Furnace (1830-1850), now with re-enactors, classes and folk schools in trades. & \$

Julia A. Purnell Museum 208 W Market St, Snow Hill, 410-632-0515 www.purnellmuseum.org

Exhibits illustrating the history of the southern Eastern Shore from the 16th through 20th centuries along with Julia Purnell's needle art pictures. & \$

Mount Zion One-Room Schoolhouse 3816 Old Furnace Rd, Snow Hill, 410-632-2032

www.furnacetown.org/mt-zion-oneroom-schoolhouse

Part of a living heritage village at Furnace Town, this authentic one-room school museum was built in 1869 and hosted students until 1931. & \$

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Capt. Bruce Wootten 6661 Snow Hill Rd, Snow Hill, 410-251-9677 www.captbrucewootten.com

www.capibiucewooileii.com

Fresh and saltwater guide and charter services with largemouth bass, flounder and rockfish fishing. Max charter size of two people.

### Nassawango Creek Preserve

3816 Old Furnace Rd, Snow Hill, 301-897-8570 nature.org/nassawango

Home to an array of wildlife and native

plants, including many species of orchids and warblers. Tannin-stained waterway is steeped in early American history.

#### Pocomoke River Canoe and Kayak Company 2 River St, Snow Hill, 410-632-3971 www.pocomokeriverpaddle.com

Paddle the scenic Pocomoke River and Nassawango Creek. Take guided trips or paddle on your own; flat water kayaking and canoeing at its best.

Pocomoke River State Forest Shad Landing, 3461 Worcester Hwy, Snow Hill, 410-632-3732

http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/pages/ publiclands/eastern\_pocomokeforest.aspx State Wildlands area famous for its stands of lobiolly pine, cypress swamps, wild turkey and deer hunting in season, fishing and flat-water canoeing.

#### Pocomoke River State Park 3461 Worcester Hwy, Snow Hill, 410-632-2566

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/pocomokeriver.aspx

The Pocomoke River originates in Great Cypress Swamp, is rich in natural resources and home to river otters, bald eagles and 50+ species of fish. &

# Shad Landing at Pocomoke

River State Park 3461 Worcester Hwy, Snow Hill, 410-632-2566

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/pocomokeriver.aspx

Campground with a visitors center and youth group camping, a camp store and a range of quiet, shaded camp sites, including a pet-friendly loop.

# St. Michaels

ATTRACTIONS

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 213 N Talbot St, St. Michaels, 410-745-2916 www.cbmm.org

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is a leading museum dedicated to preserving and exploring the history, environment and culture of the region. & \$

#### See ad on page 101.

Frederick Douglass Park-St. Michaels Talbot & Mill sts, St. Michaels, 1-800-808-7622

www.stmichaelsmd.gov/a-place-to-visit-2/ parks-and-recreation/#fdp

Memorial park and landscaped seating area with information kiosk about the life of Frederick Douglass. On Maryland's Frederick Douglass Driving Tour.

#### Lyon Distilling Company 605 S Talbot St #6, St. Michaels,

605 S Talbot St #6, St. Michaels, 443-333-9181 www.lyondistilling.com

Craft distillery transforming raw ingredients into splendid liquor in ultra-small batches with a growing line of superbly-flavored rums and whiskeys.

#### Mitchell House at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

213 N Talbot St, St. Michaels, 410-745-2916 www.cbmm.org/exhibitions/permanentexhibitions/mitchell-house

Small white clapboard house, once home of Eliza Bailey (Frederick Douglass's sister) and her family. On Maryland's Frederick Douglass Driving Tour.

#### **Patriot Cruises**

213 N Talbot St (foot of Cherry St), St. Michaels, 410-745-3100 www.patriotcruises.com

Cruise aboard a 149-passenger vessel; enjoy historic sights in climate-controlled lower deck or canopied upper deck. Full bar and restrooms. \$

#### St. Michaels Museum

at St. Mary's Square St. Mary's Square, St. Michaels, 410-745-9561

www.stmichaelsmuseum.org

Museum with three buildings showcasing the life of typical, mid-19th-century working families and a half-mile walking tour about Frederick Douglass. & \$

St. Michaels Winery 609 S Talbot St #6, St. Michaels, 410-745-0808 www.st-michaels-winery.com

Fine wines crafted from grapes in Wye Mills and Henderson and a log-canoe-inspired tasting room located in the Historic Sewing Factory Complex.

# www.rockhallmd.com/business-directory/ durdings-store

Old-fashioned drugstore with authentic soda fountain (c. 1872), the best ice cream in town, light fare, sandwiches and pastries &

5742 Main St, Rock Hall, 410-778-7957

# Salisbury

SHOPPING

**Durding's Store** 

ARTS & CULTURE Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art 909 S Schumaker Dr, Salisbury, 410-742-4988

www.wardmuseum.org

Museum with wildfowl art exhibits including antique working decoy and contemporary carvings, sculptures and paintings. World's largest decoy collection. & \$

### ATTRACTIONS

Adkins Farm Market 31493 Mt Hermon Rd, Salisbury, 410-548-1478 www.adkinsfarmmarket.com

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Farm-style market with perennial flowers and vegetables plants, local and organic produce, a corn maze and play area.

Salisbury Symphony Orchestra 1101 Camden Ave, Salisbury, 410-543-6385 www.salisbury.edu/sso

Orchestra performing classical music, jazz, family concerts and more at Holloway Hall

Auditorium on the Salisbury University campus. Salisbury Zoo and Park 755 S Park Dr, Salisbury, 410-548-3188

Naturalistic habitats for mammals, birds

and reptiles native to North, Central and

Take a ride into history on the Wicomico

ferry in U.S. history, dating back to 1688:

**Charles H. Chipman Cultural Center** 

325 Broad St, Salisbury, 410-860-9290

Center providing education about the

Edward H. Nabb Research Center

Guerrieri Academic Commons, Salisbury

University, 1101 Camden Ave, Salisbury,

www.salisbury.edu/nabb/default.html

Humanities research laboratory and unique

regional repository for lower Delmarva Peninsula historical records, artifacts, books

for Delmarva History & Culture

region's rich multi-cultural background

in the oldest-standing African-American

River with the oldest continuously operating

South America at one of the finest free

5420 N Upper Ferry Rd, Salisbury,

www.wicomicocounty.org/301/

www.salisburyzoo.org

small zoos in the country.

Upper Ferry

410-543-2765

ferry-schedule

seats six passengers.

**HISTORY & HERITAGE** 

www.chipmancenter.org

church on Delmarva (c. 1838)

410-543-6312

410-548-4900

and family histories. 5 \$

**Pemberton Historical Park** 

5561 Plantation Ln, Salisbury,

Former home of Colonel Isaac Handy

and his wife Anne (1741) on 262 acres

surrounded by nature trails and with a

range of Eastern Shore ecosystems. &

www.pembertonpark.org

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Frederick Douglass Marker Talbot St (Rt 33), St. Michaels, 410-770-8000 www.tourtalbot.org

Marker noting the location where Frederick Douglass was born in 1818, on a farm that is now Trappers Corner in Talbot County.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Shore Pedal and Paddle 500 S Talbot St, St. Michaels, 410-745-2320 www.shorepedalandpaddle.com

Offers bicycle, ebike, kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals, sales, guided tours, team building activities and instruction.

# Stevensville

#### ATTRACTIONS

Blackwater Distilling 184 Log Canoe Cir, Stevensville, 443-249-3123

www.blackwaterdistilling.com

Oldest craft distillery (2008) and first producer in the state since Pikesville Rye (1972) making small-batch, handcrafted vodka, rum and rye whiskey. 🔄 \$

**Cascia Vineyards & Winery** 1200 Thompson Creek Rd, Stevensville, 410-604-2127 www.casciavineyards.com

Unique, family-run waterfront vineyard and winery producing hand-crafted premium red and white wines; weddings, parties and events upon request. 🛓

Paul Reed Smith Guitars' Factory 380 Log Canoe Cir, Stevensville, 410-643-9970 www.prsguitars.com

Factory and store with a passion for building guitars and amplifiers; offering tours and an up-close look at musical instrument making.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Crav House and Train Depot** Cockey's Ln, Stevensville, 410-604-2100 www.kentislandheritagesociety.org/ historic-site-tours

Rare example of "post-and-plank" construction with a gambrel-roofed house and a restored train station next door: offering group tours upon request. &

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Kentmorr Marina 910 Kentmorr Rd Slip #79, Stevensville,

443-262-2588 http://kentmorrmarina.net

Maryland's premier charter boat for striped bass fishing, cruises, crabbing, lighthouse tours and waterfowl hunting on the Chesapeake Bay

#### Maryland Fishing and Hunting, LLC Stevensville

Maryland's premier charter boat for striped bass fishing, cruises, crabbing, light house tours, and waterfowl hunting on the Chesapeake Bay. Located on Maryland's Eastern shore in Stevensville, Maryland.

# Sudlersville

#### ATTRACTIONS

Godfrey's Farm Market and Pick-Your-Own-Fields Sudlersville

Located on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Godfrey's Farm is a favorite destination for buying and picking fruits and vegetables, or just as a perfect family outing.

#### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Sudlersville Train Station Museum (c. 1885) Rt 300 & Linden Ave, Sudlersville,

410-438-3501 www.sudlersvillemuseum.org

Museum with exhibits preserving the history of Sudlersville through local artifacts, including baseball Hall of Famer Jimmy Foxx memorabilia. 🖲

# Taylors Island

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

Slaughter Creek Marina 638 Taylor Island Rd, POBox 275, Taylors Island, 410-221-0050 Full service/DIY Marina, boat slips to 65', travel lift, dry storage, pool-boathouse, shipstore, Palm Beach Willie's Floating Restaurant and Bar, plus more.

# Tilghman

#### ATTRACTIONS

**Phillips Wharf Environmental Center** 6129 Tilghman Island Rd, Tilghman, 410-886-9200

www.phillipswharf.org

Center with native bay animals in their estuarium and information about sustainable seafood, with working oyster aquaculture operation tours.

#### Tilghman Island

US 322 to Rt 33, Tilghman, 410-770-8000 www.tilahmanisland.com

A working waterman's village on the Chesapeake Bay with historic vessels charter fishing, scenic trails, great seafood and unique lodging options.

Tilghman Watermen's Museum 6031 Tilghman Island Rd, Tilghman, 410-886-1025 www.tilghmanmuseum.org

Museum and exhibitions about the maritime traditions of the people of Tilghman Island and the unique lifestyles of the watermen who lived on the island.

#### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Knapp's Narrows Marina & Inn 6176 Tilghman Island Rd, Tilghman, 410-886-2720

www.knappsnarrowsmarina.com

A full-service boat yard with a 35-ton lift, climate controlled work shed, 1,000-ft. floating dock, transient, seasonal slip, gas pump, showers, laundry and swimming pool. 20 room inn. 🌲

#### **Rebecca T. Ruark Sailing Charters** 21308 Phillips Rd, Tilghman, 410-829-3976

www.skipiack.org Sailing charters on the oldest operational skipjack on the bay (built in 1886) with Captain Wade H. Murphy Jr., USCG certified for 49 passengers; NHL

### Trappe

**Bill Burton Fishing Pier State Park** 29761 Bolingbroke Point Dr, Trappe, 410-221-2290

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/choptankpier.aspx

Lighted pier with scenic strolls, birdwatching opportunities, crabbing and fishing for perch, striped bass, sea trout and catfish.

# Vienna

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Handsell Historic Site 4837 Indiantown Rd, Vienna, 410-228-7458 www.restorehandsell.org

Site of an 18th-century plantation house and a replica of a native village with exhibits about the Native Americans, African Americans and Colonists.

# Westover

SPORTS **Great Hope Golf Course** 8380 Crisfield Hwy, Westover, 410-651-5900 www.greathopegolf.com

Full-service pro shop, full practice facilities, professional golf instruction, five sets of tees for all ages and abilities. Tournaments and outings welcome. Restaurant onsite. &

# Whaleyville

ATTRACTIONS **Costa Ventosa Winery** 9031 Whaleyville Rd, Whaleyville, 410-352-9867

www.costaventosa.com

A casual fun winery located on 10 acres of vineyards and farmland just 10 minutes from Ocean City. In Italian, "Costa Ventosa' means "Windy Coast."

# Worton

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

African-American Schoolhouse Museum

Rt 297, St. James-Newtown Rd, Worton, 410-778-7416 https://www.kentcounty.com/ museums/african-americanschoolhouse-interpretative-panel

One-room schoolhouse (1890) with 19th-and early-20th-century photographs, oral histories and artifacts of Kent County's

# African-American community. Wve Mills

### **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

The Old Wye Grist Mill and Museum 900 Wye Mills Rd, Wye Mills, 410-827-3850 www.oldwyemill.org

18th-century grist mill that ground flour for General Washington's troops during the American Revolution. Grindings are the 1st and 3rd Sat of the month. \$

### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Wye Oak State Park 14214 Old Wye Mills Rd, Wye Mills, 410-820-1668 http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/ pages/eastern/wyeoak.aspx

Park with picnicking and displays where the majestic Wye Oak fell (2002); now the site of a true genetic clone of the Wye Oak (2006). &

### VISITOR SERVICES

# Cambridge

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

**Dorchester County Office of Tourism** 2 Rose Hill PI, Cambridge, 410-228-1000 www.visitdorchester.ora

Providing free information and a beautiful waterfront

See ad on page 37.

# Centreville WELCOME CENTERS

**Bay Country Welcome Center** 

1000 Welcome Center Dr, Centreville, 410-758-2181

Center servicing north and southbound traffic on the 301 at the Eastern Shore; on Maryland's Frederick Douglass Driving Tour.

### Chester

#### **COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES**

#### Queen Anne's County Office of Tourism 425 Piney Narrows Rd, Chester 410-604-2100

www.visitqueenannes.com

Enjoy waterfront accommodations, boat-totable restaurants and outdoor recreation. Fish, hunt, sail, bike, and kayak the area to discover the beauty of Maryland's gateway to the Eastern Shore. Fish, hunt, sail, bike and kayak in the area to discover the beauty of Maryland's gateway to the Eastern Shore.

#### See ad on page 109.

#### WELCOME CENTERS

**Chesapeake Heritage & Visitors Center** 425 Piney Narrows Rd, Chester 410-604-2100 www.visitqueenannes.com

Learn about settlement history, heritage, the

changing Chesapeake Bay and the maritime

industry. Enjoy Ferry Point Nature Park, an

observation tower and the beauty of the

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

400 High St, Chestertown, 410-778-0416

Discover Maryland's Eastern Shore. Explore

water fun, history, the arts, small towns,

distillery. Follow us on FB, Twitter and IG

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

8480 Ocean Hwy, Delmar, 1-800-332-TOUR

Wicomico County offers opportunities for

outdoor adventures, Eastern Shore food,

DESTINATION MARYLAND 💠 147

culture and history-as well as annual

www.wicomicotourism.org

festivals and events. A

See ad on page 103.

**Wicomico County Tourism** 

nature, fresh seafood, wineries and a

Kent Narrow Waterfront district.

**Kent County Tourism Office** 

Chestertown

www.kentcounty.com

@visitkentcounty.

Delmar

See ad on page 111.



# MARYLAND'S Erab & Oyster Trail



Maryland serves up a diverse menu of crab and oyster houses, seafood festivals and waterfront attractions.

*Catch all the Chesapeake Bay has to offer!* 



### See ad on page 103.

# Denton

COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICE Caroline County Office of Tourism 10219 River Landing Rd, Denton, 410-479-0655 www.visitcaroline.org

Center on an old steamboat wharf of the Choptank River with a dock and information on local attractions from the Underground Railroad to recreation.

# Easton

COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES

Talbot County Visitors Center 11 S Harrison St, Easton, 410-770-8000 www.tourtalbot.org

Home to beautiful towns and villages. Explore culinary treasures, boutiques and inns. Or bike, kayak and sail the Chesapeake Bay. &

See ad on page 101.

### Elkton

COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES

Cecil County Tourism 410-996-6299, 1-800-CECIL-95 www.seececil.org

Along the shores of Upper Chesapeake Bay discover small towns with vibe, waterfront eateries, hiking, boating, horseback riding, shopping, and more! &

See ad on page 111.

# North East

# COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICE

Chesapeake House Travel Center I-95 John F. Kennedy Memorial Hwy, Mile Marker 97, North East, 443-674-1865 www.mdta.maryland.gov/md\_i-95\_ travel\_plazas/home.html

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# Ocean City

COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES Ocean City, Maryland

4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, 410-289-2800, 1-800-0C-0CEAN www.ococean.com

The fun never ends in Ocean City. Enjoy 10 miles of free beach, great places to stay, a fun-filled boardwalk and free family events all summer long. &

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RESERVATION SERVICES

Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association 5700 Coastal Hwy #302, Ocean City, 410-289-6733

www.ocvisitor.com Providing recommendations on where to

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#### TOUR SERVICES

Harrison Group Resort Hotels 106 N Baltimore Ave, Ocean City 410-289-4444, 1-800-638-2106 www.ocmdhotels.com

Ocean City hotel group features 11 oceanfront hotels with spacious suites, fully-equipped efficiencies, guest rooms, and amenities to fit any travel plans.

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### Pocomoke City COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICE

Worcester County Visitor Center 144 Ocean Hwy, Pocomoke City, 410-957-2484 www.visitworcester.org

Center is the gateway to Maryland's lower Eastern Shore and offers more information about surrounding attractions; just four miles south of Pocomoke City.

# Princess Anne

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

Somerset County Tourism 11440 Ocean Hwy, Princess Anne, 410-651-2968, 1-800-521-9189 www.visitsomerset.com

Celebrate the Chesapeake Experience in Somerset County. Visit our website or call for more information.  $\underline{\mathfrak{S}}$ 

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# Salisbury

TOUR SERVICES

Chesapeake Tours and Promotions Inc. 1147 S Salisbury Blvd Ste 8-243, Salisbury, 443-366-2784 www.chesapeaketourplanner.com

Trip planner for the Eastern Shore with a trained Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad tour guide, group motor coaches and custom tours and packages.

### **Snow Hill**

**COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES** 

Worcester County Tourism 104 W Market St, Snow Hill, 410-632-3110, 1-800-852-0335

www.beachandbeyond.org

Visit Maryland's seaside, including Ocean City, Assateague Island and charming coastal communities.

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# St. Michaels

#### **COUNTY & CITY TOURISM OFFICES**

Town of St. Michaels, Maryland 300 Mill St, POBox 206, St. Michaels 410-745-9535 www.stmichaelsmd.org

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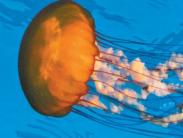
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